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"Older than the New York Times"

Luciano, Sturm marry in San Fran.

by Kathleen McGrory '05
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Amidst the current controversy culminating in President George W. Bush's endorsement of a proposed Constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage, Assistant Professor of English Dana Luciano and System Administrator and Research Support Specialist Jennifer Sturm were married on Thursday in San Francisco, Calif., Luciano and Sturm are the 2,864th same-sex couple to have been married at San Francisco's City Hall since February 12.

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Thousands of homosexual couples have gotten married in San Francisco.

"For me, it isn't the marriages that are most significant," said Luciano. "It's the fact that a municipality decided to take a simple action against discrimination, without apology."

Sturm and Luciano first decided to make the trek to California when Sturm went to visit Luciano in Utah. Luciano, currently working on a fellowship at the University of Utah, had broken her foot. According to Sturm, the two spent the week listening to the news coverage of the San Francisco weddings.

"We were just waiting for the state to stop issuing the marriages," Sturm said. "It was like waiting for the axe to fall. We kept waiting and waiting, but the axe never fell. So on Tuesday we decided to go to San Francisco and get married."

Upon reaching San Francisco, the two lined up outside of City Hall at 5 a.m. and waited in line for their marriage to take place. According to Sturm, the line was made up of predominantly lesbian couples, many of whom had traveled long distances to be there. "We were all women and we just couldn't figure it out. Maybe all the gay men were just late," she laughed.

"It's hard to explain what it feels like to be waiting on line to make history. The energy was amazing, and we met some really wonderful people," stated Luciano. "Overall, the feeling was very communal; as opposed to the conventional wedding, where a single couple is the

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Inzer appointed dean of admission and financial aid

by Ian Mandel '06
NEWS EDITOR

Monica Inzer, the dean of undergraduate admissions and student financial services at Babson College, has been appointed as Hamilton's next dean of admission and financial aid. Inzer will take over the position effective July 1, 2004.

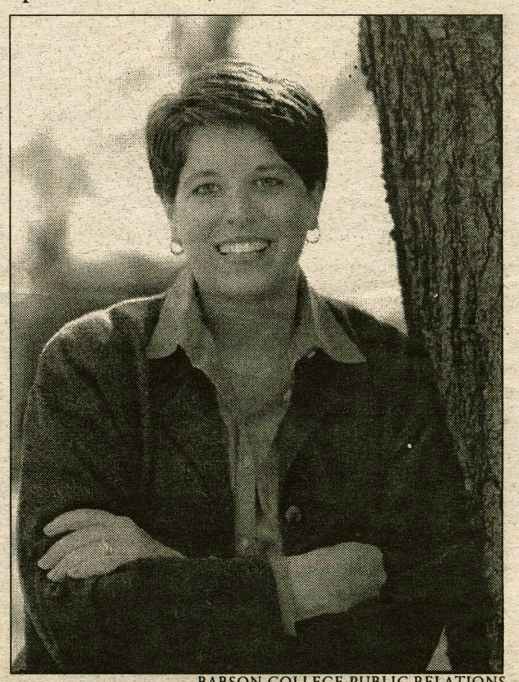
Inzer was offered the position by the College after an exhaustive search process that began in August 2003, with the formation of a search committee, comprised of nine members of the Hamilton community.

According to Inzer, she was first contacted in September or October, as a member of a large applicant pool and subsequently visited campus several times, meeting with dozens of community members.

"I was amazed at how much institutional pride people have at Hamilton. People really love Hamilton. Everywhere I looked people were wearing Hamilton clothes. At other schools, students wear other college's clothes," Inzer said.

Inzer will leave Babson in mid-June, after having spent four years in her current position. In a memorandum announcing Inzer's appointment to the Hamilton community, Hamilton College President Joan Hinde Stewart asserted that over those four years, Inzer "has led an admission operation that produced a record number of applications, substantially decreased the admit rate, raised the average SAT score for enrolled students, doubled the number of students from underrepresented ethnicities, significantly improved the gender balance, and closed each fiscal year on or under her division's operational and financial aid budgets."

Inzer stated that she does not foresee any immediate changes needed in Hamilton's admissions program. "I hope to learn from the staff already in place," she stated. "With clear leadership in place from Joan Stewart, the College seems to have the right energy and momentum from which to build."



BABSON COLLEGE PUBLIC RELATIONS

Monica Inzer will be Hamilton's new dean of admission and financial aid.

Inzer stated that she would like to continue increasing the diversity of Hamilton's student body. She asserted that her definition of diversity includes various ideas, attitudes and perspectives, in addition to ethnicities and cultures.

Prior to working at Babson,

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Mazrui speaks against US support of Israel

by Emma Furman '07
NEWS WRITER

Ali Mazrui gave a controversial lecture entitled "The Roots of Rage: Why the U.S. is Unloved in the Muslim World and Beyond," this past Monday, February 23. It took place in the Chapel and was fairly well attended, lasting from 7:00 p.m. until around 8:00 p.m., and was followed by a lengthy and thorough-question and-answer period.

PHOTO BY CAITLIN CUNNINGHAM '04

Ali Mazrui lectured on the origins of Muslim animosity towards the U.S.

Mazrui has a long list of credentials, and it was largely due to these that he was brought to Hamilton to speak. According to his introduction by Professor Steve Orvis, Mazrui's "publications are too numerous to mention," and he has had over 20 books published. His latest book is entitled *Islam Between Globalization and Counter-Terrorism*, and comes out this year. He also created a 10-part TV and video series called *The Africans: A Triple Heritage*. In addition to his many notable

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Kindy discusses responsibilities as international peacekeeper

by Guillermo Artiles '07
NEWS WRITER

Peacekeeper Irene Kindy gave an informal talk in Café Opus on Sunday, February 22; it was titled "How is our domestic security connected to those who fear for their lives everyday in Colombia?" She addressed her full-time International Peacekeeper status in the Opon River Valley region in Colombia. She set the mood in Cafe Opus by recounting both devastating and hopeful stories that she has witnessed within the deprived and tumultuous region. This event was collaboratively sponsored by the Dean of the Faculty's Office, the Government Department, the Kirkland Project, the Womyn's Center, The Bagel Grove, and the Mohawk Valley Friends Meeting.

Kindy is a member of the Christian Peacemaker Team (CPT), an organization made up of 120 member teams that collaboratively work to reduce violence around the world using their base in the faith of Christianity. She is one of thirty full-time volunteers who dedicate their entire lives to the reduction of violence around the globe. She began her career with the CPT, in 2001, at the age of 21, thanks to the encouragement and enlightenment of her father who has worked with the CPT since

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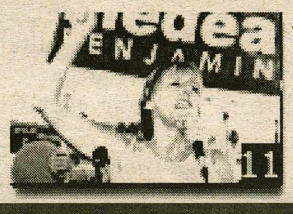

Women's Hockey

Driscoll lectures on effects of acid rain in the Adirondacks

by Becky Ramsey '07
NEWS WRITER

Professor Charles Driscoll delivered a lecture last Tuesday on the effects of acid rain on the ecosystems of the Adirondacks.

The talk was hosted by professors of Sophomore Seminar 220, Forever Wild: The Cultural and Natural Histories of the Adirondack Park.

"In the course we look at the Adirondacks from many different perspectives," said Professor of Chemistry Ian Rosenstein. "One of [the] major issues is the threat posed to the natural environment in the park by regional and global air pollution."

Students in the course had recently finished a geological and biological study of the park. Focusing on historical changes in these areas necessarily includes a discussion of the effects of air pollution on the environment.

"Acid rain represents one of the greatest contemporary threats to the natural environment of the Adirondacks. Covering this issue is essential to understanding the ecological health and the overall future of the Adirondack region," said Peter F. Cannavo
Visiting Assistant Professor of Government.

To expand upon this issue, course instructors arranged for Driscoll, a Syracuse University professor and expert in the field of acid rain research, to come and speak to the class and other members of the Hamilton community.

"As a scientist, in preparing to teach about the subject, I looked into the primary scientific literature on acid precipitation. In doing so, Professor Driscoll's name comes up over and over again," said Rosenstein, the driving force behind Driscoll's invitation.

Over his 30 years of inquiry into the problem of acid rain in the Adirondacks, Driscoll has become well-versed in the subject.

"I was actually looking for a dissertation topic [in graduate school] when I came across [the topic]. I've been working on it ever since."

The lecture focues on three main issues: Environmental impacts of air pollution, solutions to low Ph levels (a sign of acidity) and the current recovery level.

Driscoll explained how air currents move industrial air pollution of states southwest of New York (Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, etc.) into the mountains of the Adirondack Park. Once there, it accumulates and acidifies water and ground resources.

When acid rain falls, sulfur, nitrogen and inorganic monimeric aluminum contents all increase markedly. In addition, soil and water are deprived of many nutrients needed to maintain healthy plant and animal life.

Red Spruce and Sugar Maple trees, for example, have undergone significant needle loss due to the calcium deficient soil. Red Spruce population has decreased by about half since the 1980s when serious inquiry into effects on vegetation really began.

Driscoll explained that plant research generated far less interest than similar inquiry into animal populations because of how slowly changes occur.

Standing in front of a projected slide of an underwater shot of dead fish in a lake, he explained how much more sensitive they are to chemical conditions.

"One storm event caused almost universal mortality of brook trout," said Driscoll.
In response to these conditions, Congress passed the 1970 and 1990 Clean Air Acts. The emissions reductions that occurred as a result of this legislation, Driscoll showed, have significantly improved conditions in the park.

The process of recovery, he explained, is very slow. While insect populations may recover within a few years, tree rehabilitation will take decades and likely centuries.

Yet Driscoll acknowledges that great strides have been made.

"Now, for the first time, we can say that a significant number of lakes are actually recovering," he said. "Those lakes with higher Ph values are showing increases in [fish] population richness."

To help the recovery process, Driscoll has created pro-

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Kotlowitz describes plight of U.S. poor

by Lindsay Sorin '07
ASSOCIATE COPY EDITOR

Journalist Alex Kotlowitz, author of the best-selling book, *There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in The Other America*, was the second featured lecturer in this semester's Levitt Center Lecture Series. Kotlowitz discussed the environment of community and what this means to both parents and children in the public housing communities in the inner cities. Presidential candidate Ralph Nader visited Hamilton College earlier this month. Both Kotlowitz and Nader spoke to this semester's lecture theme of "The Environment: Public Policy and Social Responsibility."

Each semester, the Levitt Center for Public Affairs sponsors a series of lectures involving in the same issue or theme. The main goal of the Levitt Center is to provide access to important ideas and information in the world of public policy. This includes bringing the experiences of policy analysts, policy makers and policy administrators to campus in a variety of ways to enrich the coursework of students. The lecture series is an important tool in keeping students aware of the many issues that are taking place in the realm of public policy, as well as involving Hamilton students in policy-related projects off campus that will improve their understanding of policy issues.

Through all these means, the Center brings the challenge of real policy issues to students in a liberal arts setting. The Center seeks to make opportunities for learning available to all Hamilton students, but will be particularly helpful to students concentrating in economics, government, philosophy, and public policy.

On Wednesday, February 26, Kotlowitz visited the Hill to discuss his views on public housing projects and community environments as factors in race relations, developmental trajectories for children and in degrees of support for families. Kotlowitz has regularly contributed his work to esteemed publications such as the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, and the *New Yorker*. In fact, the New York Times wrote, "Alex Kotlowitz's story informs the heart. His meticulous portrait of the two boys in a Chicago housing project shows how much heroism is required to survive, let alone escape." Not only is Alex Kotlowitz a journalist and established author of two well-known books that have become public commentaries on public policy issues, he is also a visiting professor at Northwestern University.

Most of Kotlowitz's writing is associated with race and poverty, and he talks of the burdens that children in the inner cities must carry. Not only is there a breakdown of community in public housing, but there is also a widening gap separating neighborhoods, especially those between affluent suburbs and inner city public high-rises. The poverty rate is rising and welfare and other government benefits are being dismantled, while those outside the inner city are experiencing economic prosperity.

Four reasons are associated with the breakdown of community that the inner cities are experiencing. First of all, the absence of jobs not only leads to a lack of income and sustenance,

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College awards monies to community organizations

by Alexandra Sear '05
MANAGING EDITOR

In keeping with Hamilton's longstanding tradition of giving back to the community, the Town Gown Fund Committee awarded $24,000 in grant monies to organizations in the Town of Kirkland. The Committee announced the recipients this past Monday, February 23.

According to the Office of Communications and Development, Clinton Central School will look forward to a $6,000 donation toward renovating its pool and $4,000 to help buy and pay the dividends for new sports fields. St. Mary's Elementary School will get a $4,000 "challenge grant" toward its debt-reduction campaign, and the Bristol Room at the Kirkland Town Library will have a multimedia "screen and sound system" thanks to a $1,000 award. The fund also gave $1,000 toward a heating system replacement at the Kirkland Arts Center and the Clark Mills Fire District will be able to purchase a "portable multi-gas monitor" thanks to the fund's $2,000 award.

The Town-Gown Award Fund was initiated in 2001. Every year, the Town-Gown Fund Committee selects a small number of organizations in the Town of Kirkland to whom to award monies. There are eight members on the committee in addition to President Stewart who represent both the College and the larger community. Faculty, administrators, trustees, alumni, town officials and business owners are all represented.

According to one of the committee's ex-officio members, Director of Communications Mike Debraggio, the Committee "invites proposals from approximately six to eight educational, cultural and public safety organizations" from Kirkland and Clinton.

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Features is looking for students who believe they have what it takes to write for one of the most exciting sections in *The Spectator*. Please contact Sarah (sgould) or Jonathan (jkuhl) with inquiries. Thanks!!!!

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

Rioting: The New Campus craze

BOSTON, Massachusetts (Reuters) Have a few beers. Watch the big game. Get loaded. Go out and burn stuff.

`That, in a nutshell, is the latest craze sweeping American colleges, and one that has campus administrators and police scrambling for solutions.

`From Maryland to Minnesota to Ohio to Massachusetts, students have caused hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage in booze-fueled riots following major sporting events.

One recent rampage broke out in Boston when the New England Patriots beat the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl XXXVIII. Hundreds of college students took to city streets after the thrilling victory and set fires, broke windows and overturned cars. One person was killed.

Some experts think rioting is just the latest wacky behavior to spread through the higher education circuit.

In the late 1930s, for example, an American college freshman ate a live goldfish for fun. Within weeks, campus copycats across the nation were swallowing dozens of the little fish in a bid to outdo one another.

Later, it was fashionable among college students to cram themselves into phone booths. And in the 1970s, the fad was streaking: running naked through campus.

Student Suspended Over SI Swimsuit Issue

BELPRE, Ohio (AP) — A sixth-grader started serving a three-day suspension Tuesday because he refused a lesser punishment for bringing the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue to school, the school superintendent said.

Justin Reyes had the magazine in the gymnasium at Belpre Middle School before classes February 18, and Principal Kathy Garrison cited him for violating school policy on nonverbal harassment and possession of lewd or suggestive material, Superintendent Tim Swarr said.

Garrison ordered the 12-year-old boy to spend two days at an alternative school where students from several area districts are sent when they get into trouble.

But Swarr said Justin and his mother, Nicole Reyes, refused to accept the alternative school punishment, so the penalty was increased to three days of out-of-school suspension. "Last time I checked, we were in charge of running the schools," Swarr said.

Nicole Reyes said the alternative school was too harsh a punishment. It's not like it was Hustler, Playboy or Penthouse," she said. "The punishment doesn't fit the crime." Swarr said he had never seen SI's swimsuit edition before. "I was shocked," he said. "It doesn't belong in public schools."

Firing of Teacher Over Racial Comment Upheld

ST. LOUIS, Missouri (AP) — A Missouri appeals court upheld the firing of a teacher who told her eighth-grade class she opposed interracial marriage and believed such couples should be "fixed" to prevent them from having children.

The attorney for teacher Jendra Loeffelman pledged to appeal the unanimous ruling by the three-judge Missouri Court of Appeals panel. Her attorney, Chuck Ford, said he would ask the entire court to hear the case or seek a state Supreme Court review.

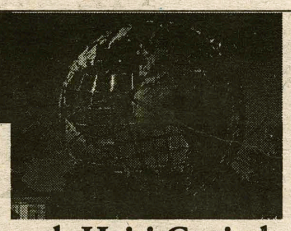
Tuesday's ruling affirms one last summer by a Jefferson County judge, who found that the Crystal City School Board was within its rights in ousting Loeffelman.

Her attorneys argued her reported classroom comments were constitutionally protected free speech. The appellate court rejected that Tuesday, declaring that the First Amendment right applied only to public concerns — not Loeffelman's discussing a private matter that was not part of the lesson plan.

Loeffelman, the ruling suggested, also should have understood her comments could be harmful to the pupils, who included two biracial students.

Linda Schilly, the school board's president, welcomed the ruling as affirmation that Loeffelman's firing was just, though "very unfortunate."

WORLD NEWS



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Rebels Preparing to Attack Haiti Capital

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Haiti's rebel leader said his fighters moved closer to the capital Thursday and awaited an order to attack unless President Jean-Bertrand Aristide resigns. Government loyalists threatening death and torchings began building defenses in front of the National Palace.

The U.N. Security Council met on Haiti, and Caribbean nations urged the immediate authorization of a multinational force to end the violence and restore law and order. But key council members France and the United States said they want a political settlement first.

In an interview with CNN, Aristide said he would not resign. He said a small international force - "a couple of dozen" soldiers or police - could prompt the rebels to stand down. Referring to the rebels, he said: "At any time those terrorists may come to Port-au-Prince and kill thousands of people."

The insurgents, who have overrun half of the country in the 3-week-old rebellion, would not be expected to face much resistance in the capital from Haiti's ill-equipped police force.

But hundreds of Aristide supporters, some armed with machetes and pistols, gathered Thursday in front of the National Palace and, with teenagers driving bulldozers and forklifts, started building a defensive rampart.

Britain Accused of Spying on U.N.'s Annan

LONDON (AP) — Britain spied on U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in the build up to the Iraq war, a former Cabinet minister said Thursday, triggering yet another postwar crisis for Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Blair refused to confirm or deny the accusation and branded his former international development secretary, Clare Short, "deeply irresponsible" for commenting on sensitive security issues.

For Blair, the allegation is another potentially damaging aftershock of the Iraq invasion, following controversies over Britain's prewar intelligence dossiers, the death of a weapons scientist, the coalition's failure to find weapons of mass destruction and the collapse of a court case on alleged U.S.-British bugging of the United Nations.

But in a bravado performance at his monthly news conference, the prime minister insisted British spies always acted within international law.

The United Nations said any spying on Annan's office would be illegal.

Macedonian President Presumed Dead

BITONJA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Macedonia state radio switched to classical music and the government declared a day of mourning after President Boris Trajkovski was missing and presumed dead in a plane crash Thursday in southern Bosnia.

Mourners lit candles in front of Trajkovski's office in the capital, Skopje, and condolences poured in from world leaders. Secretary of State Colin Powell called the moderate Trajkovski "a great friend of the United States" who helped put his ethnically divided nation on "a stable footing."

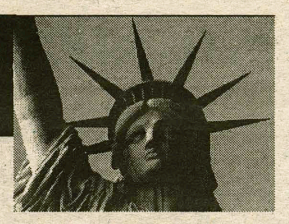
The president's party initially said he died in the crash, which happened in a remote, rocky area of mountainous southern Bosnia - treacherous in the bad weather and heavily mined from Bosnia's 1992-1995 war.

However, NATO peacekeepers said the wreckage was not found, contrary to a report by Bosnian police, and Macedonia's government said the 47-year-old president was officially considered missing and presumed dead.

An air search was called off at nightfall, but foot patrols continued into the evening, said Capt. Dave Sullivan, spokesman for NATO-led peacekeepers aiding the search. Reconnaissance aircraft aiding the effort were to resume efforts at daybreak Friday.

"We still don't have official information from Bosnian officials that there are any survivors ... but they are saying that the chances of anyone surviving are minimal," Macedonian Prime Minister Branko Crvenkovski said in a nationally televised address.

NATIONAL NEWS



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AG: Columbine Killers, Police Had Contact

LAKEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Authorities had at least 15 contacts with the Columbine High School killers dating back two years before their murderous attack, the state attorney general said Thursday in a report that angered families of the victims.

Ken Salazar also said he is investigating whether authorities tried to cover up what they knew about the rampage. However, he did not blame the Jefferson County sheriff's office for missing warning signs about Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, and said he found no evidence of negligence.

But the attorney general said his investigation is not complete and has grown since he was asked to look into contacts between the killers and investigators beginning in 1997, two years before the attack.

Salazar said his staff interviewed two former sheriff's officials just this week. He also said authorities are still trying to find a file detailing a search warrant affidavit for Harris' home after a pipe bomb was found along a bike path in 1998 - a search that never took place.

"We are still looking for that file," Salazar said.

Asked if he thought there was a cover-up, he said: "I do not know today." Speaking in a room with somber families of the dead staring at him from the back wall, Salazar promised to issue a supplemental report.

Gay Marriage Issue Draws in Calif. Gov.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — At this critical moment in his political career, the battle over gay marriage is not something Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wanted to get involved in.

AP

The new governor has tried to stay focused on keeping Republicans and Democrats together to solve California's financial crisis, and he has a key test of his leadership on Tuesday, when his proposal to borrow $15 billion on the bond market goes before the voters.

But with San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom defying state law by issuing marriage licenses to gay couples and President Bush wanting to change the U.S. Constitution to ban same-sex marriage, Schwarzenegger has been drawn into a culture war he had hoped to avoid.

"This is an issue he'd prefer to go away," said Bruce Cain, a political scientist at the University of California at Berkeley. "He doesn't need it at this moment in time when he's trying to create a bipartisan coalition to address fiscal problems. He doesn't need a divisive cultural issue."

Agency Tells Airlines to Weigh Passengers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airlines should at least periodically make passengers step on a scale to make sure they have an accurate assessment of the weight a plane will be carrying, federal investigators said Thursday.

The recommendation arose from the National Transportation Safety Board's investigation of the crash of US Airways Express Flight 5481 last year at North Carolina's Charlotte-Douglas Airport. All 21 people aboard were killed in the crash, the deadliest in the United States in nearly 2 1/2 years.

The twin-engine plane, operated by Air Midwest, was virtually uncontrollable because of two fatal mistakes, the safety board concluded.

First, the airline's guidelines for estimating the weight of passengers and baggage were inaccurate. The pilots, therefore, didn't realize the plane's rear section was too heavy.

Second, mechanics had improperly rigged cables connected to the elevator, the tail flap that controls the up-and-down direction of the aircraft's nose. The errors meant the elevator's downward motion was restricted to half its normal range, according to the NTSB.

Without a fully maneuverable elevator, the pilots couldn't force the nose of the plane down to compensate for its heavy tail, investigators said. As a result, the plane pitched sharply upward just seconds after takeoff for Greer, S.C., then fell out of the sky.

Kotlowitz: children are most "urgent" domestic issue

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but a person's sense of purpose, connection and identity is not complete without a job. Also, the lack of both public and private institutions that make community are missing. Children have no bowling alleys, movie theaters or ice cream parlors to go to, while adults often have to take a taxi to the closest bank or grocery store. Third, Kotlowitz talked about a divide in loyalties. There are discrepancies in loyalties to the police and other authorities, to friends, and to one's own conscience. He stated that children had become "spiritual nomads with no one to talk to." Perhaps the most important reason of this breakdown is due to the large amounts of violence that takes place in these public housing projects. Violence, and distrust between gang members, does not allow community building.

Kotlowitz argued that "our children" are the most urgent domestic issue. He said, "they are our future. Just take a walk in an inner city; it does not take a psychic to see that it is not good." Silence was another issue that Kotlowitz discussed in his lecture. He mentioned a difference in reaction to two different shootings. One shooting took place in an affluent, predominantly white neighborhood, and the other in the inner city. Children who witnessed the shooting in the suburban school were offered years of counseling and comfort, and the community banded together to create tighter gun control laws and increase safety standards in the town. On the other hand, in the inner city shooting was something that was discouraged from talking about, and there were no adults to take responsibility to prevent similar future occurrences. Silence is self-imposed because the children in these inner cities fear that people won't believe them or even listen to them. Kotlowitz called for a rebuilding and reshaping of community, in which children can feel safe and live as children should.

Other speakers in this semester's Levitt Lecture Series concerning The Environment: Public Policy and Social Responsibility will include Richard Rhodes, "Comparing Energies," Dr. Nina Schoch DVM, "The Adirondack Cooperative Loon Program: A New Approach to Wildlife Understanding," a Faculty Forum on Climate Change," Robert Greenstein, "The Future of the Federal Budget," Panel: "Forum: Governing the Adirondacks," and John W. Berry, "Acculturation and Adaptation among Immigrants and Refugees"

Play it Safe
"It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye..."
That's what your parents told you when you were a kid. Shouldn't you tell your children?
Each year thousands of children suffer unnecessary sports-related eye injuries — bruised eyes, scraped or torn corneas, detached retinas and eye hemorrhaging.
Vision Council of America, a nonprofit trade association representing the optical industry, wants parents to know that wearing protective eyewear can prevent or lessen the severity of most eye injuries.
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For more information, talk to your eyecare professional or visit the consumer area of VCA's Web site, www.visionsite.org.
PROTECT YOUR CHILD'S EYESIGHT
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Kindy describes horrors of life in Colombian villages

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she was ten years old. After one year of attendance at Goshen College in Illinois, Kindy decided to devote herself entirely and put forth all of her energy into CPT because college "forces your brain to stretch, but gives you no actual experience."

Currently, CPT members are working in areas of distress like Iraq, the Middle East and Kindy's concentration country of Colombia. Kindy will be working in the Opon River Valley for the next few years, as the CPT has a three-year contract with Colombia.

The Opon region is a "low intensity threat" area permeated by daily assassinations and rampant rumors amongst the community inhabitants who live in constant fear of speaking. Colombia is a state in dire need of peace-aid, as it is home to a violent insurgency-counterinsurgency war that has lasted more than forty years. This conflict has lasted so long that Kindy believes the Colombian people are unable to rise above it or reach a resolution because they are "stuck in a really bad habit."

In recent years, more than two million people have been displaced from their homes, and at least three families are displaced every week. There has also been an indefinite amount of "disappearances," some reports claiming a minimum of 7,000 Colombians. Kindy expanded on these random "disappearances" by recounting the story of a woman named Bertha with whomshe was close friends. She had three brothers; one was killed and chopped to pieces and finally buried in an undetermined farm, while another was eventually found floating along the very river she lives on, and finally the third brother has just recently disappeared. This random "disappearing" is not easily comprehended by Americans, who find it difficult to understand how someone just accidentally "disappears." Kindy maexplains that these Colombian family members "just can't come to closure because, in this conflict, a relative can be dead or alive and suddenly reappear three years later...there is just no room for mourning." When family members just "disappear off the face of the earth...that's pretty hard to deal with."

Kindy sincerely believes that all Americans should have a concern for global peace, but especially for Colombia. The relations the U.S. government and Colombia have range in everything from coffee beans to oil. There are a thousand US-trained political advisors in Colombia who are continually looking for answers to the seemingly endless political and social battle plaguing the Colombian people. For 2004, the U.S. is reportedly investing 178 million dollars into Colombia for the relief of drugs, guerilla warfare and military enforcement. U.S. taxpayer dollars are the greatest portion of money flow into Colombian military aid. Our dollars are flowing heavily into this Colombian crisis and for this reason we should all be concerned with this unfortunate situation. Whether in a positive or negative manner, we are indeed directly affecting the lives of these Colombian people.

The CPT plays a vital role in the moral standing of these unfortunate Colombians. As they travel this tremendously hostile region, CPT members in bright red hats and logo-sporting blue t-shirts serve as a peace shield from the trigger-happy guerillas. One farmer embraced the CPT members after traveling alongside them and said, "If you had not been with us, the [paramilitaries] would have killed us."

The power held by the CPT is partially a result of their arms-free agreement in which they roam the region free from arms at all times regardless of how perilous the situation may present itself. "We choose non-violence and have no fear," boldly stated Kindy.

Kindy makes an interesting parallel between the U.S. government and Colombia. She believes they share an "image of language; both the U.S. and Colombia have chosen to speak in a language of violence." Indeed both the United States and Colombia are involved in Wars on Terrorism. "War is for your security," claim both governments, but Kindy believes that all of us "speak non-violence in our everyday languages." We speak "non-violence fluently." Referring to Americans who do not believe in humanitarian aid and world peace, Kindy believes "we should not only embrace this language of non-violence individually, but also on a grander scale."

Kindy left her listeners with inspirations of hope for the oppressed Colombian people. "People aren't just living there; they're surviving," exclaimed Kindy as she stressed the horrifying environment in which the inhabitants live. Although living under severe conditions, the Colombian people "continue to live in a vibrant way!"

For more information or an application to become an international peacekeeper, please contact Christian Peacemaker Teams, P.O. Box 6508, Chicago, IL 60680 or email them at delegations@cpt.org. Applications are also available on the web at http://www.cpt.org. Any students interested in peace work within our Hamilton community, please contact Barbara Gold (bgold) of the Classics Department; she runs the local Friends Quaker Meetings.

Town Gown awards announced

*from **Town Gown**, page 2*

The Committee then discusses the proposals and decides to whom they will award funds, and how much each award will be.

Debraggio emphasized that the funds are awarded for specific projects (i.e., replacing the heating system at the Kirkland Arts Center) rather than simple ongoing expenses. Recipients are always "organizations and agencies serving the Town of Kirkland and the Village of Clinton." Past projects for which the Committee awarded funds include new equipment for the police and fire departments.

When possible, the Committee focuses on education when awarding monies, although, according to Debraggio, that theme is "broadly defined."

The fund is currently valued at almost $500,000 but the College would like to increase its value to $1 million over the next few years. The original fund came from a few anonymous donors and has been slowly added to with donations from alumni, friends of the College, and affiliated businesses. But "ongoing solicitations of businesses and other people who care about stronger town-gown relations will help grow the fund to its $1 million goal," stated Debraggio.

Strengthening relations between Hamilton and the larger community of Clinton is a continuing goal of the College.

"Hamilton and Clinton have a mutually beneficial relationship, and this Fund is a creative way to help strengthen that partnership," said Debraggio.

Editorial

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"Older than the New York Times"

On Tuesday, February 24, President George W. Bush expressed his support for a constitutional amendment that defines marriage as an institution between a man and a woman. The President was explicitly clear when he stated: "Today I call upon the Congress to promptly pass, and to send to the states for ratification, an amendment to our Constitution defining and protecting marriage as a union of man and woman as husband and wife." This Editorial Board believes that the President is not only morally wrong regarding this issue, but is also endangering our country's progress on civil rights.

What right does our President, or any government, have to say who can and cannot get married? Nobody has that right other than the two individuals who wish to form a partnership out of love for each other.

Looking at this issue from a legal standpoint, passing such an amendment sets a dangerous precedent. Although our society no longer discriminates on the basis of gender in the workplace, it seems to have decided that it can discriminate in people's personal lives. The only thing that distinguishes a heterosexual marriage from a homosexual marriage is gender. Giving our government the authority to decide what aspects of two individuals they approve of, and what they do not, is truly a scary prospect.

According to the United States Constitution, "The Congress, whenever two-thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose amendments to this Constitution." Our nation has a history of amending the Constitution to grant rights, not take them away (with the exception of prohibition, which itself was later repealed by way of the twenty-first amendment). But some in our society are now finding it "necessary" to deny people rights.

Our society is in many ways obsessed with the idea of homosexuality. Same-sex relationships seems to threaten some people. There is no reason to feel threatened: if people love each other, let them express their feelings to one another. It is one thing to preach about having family values; it is another to stand up for them.

The people whose lives our President is attempting to legislate are the same people who we call our friends, family, classmates, professors and colleagues. While it may be easy to disconnect from this issue, remember that there are homosexual members of our community. As college students, we will soon inherit the world that George W. Bush is creating. Use your voice to stand up for what is morally right. Intolerance and discrimination have no place in a society as great as ours.

It was not long ago that our country would not permit people of different races to marry. Society came to rejected this as wrong. The same will hold true on the issue of gay marriage in the future and the question we all must face is whether we as individuals will stand up for what is right before it is the easy thing to do.

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Mazrui describes his lecture as "controversial" to some

*from **Mazrui**, page 1*

publications and books, Mazrui has also taught and been honored at many prestigious universities around the world. He has taught at Cornell, and also is currently the Albert Schweitzer Professor in the Humanities, as well as the direct of the Institute of Global Cultural Studies at Binghamton University.

Mazrui was also brought to campus because, in addition to his many notable publications and books, he presents an interesting viewpoint on the question of the United States' involvement in Israel, the Middle East and the Muslim world in general. According to Professor Etin Anwar, "Mazrui was chosen as the speaker because of his international reputation as one of the most sought-after speakers on Africa, Islamic culture, gender, human rights, and democracy....Since Professor Mazrui has talked in many occasions in the USA and around the globe on political Islam and Muslims, I believe he is a great speaker to address "the U.S. question" at Hamilton College."

Jeff McArn, the college chaplain, whose department helped to sponsor the lecture, shared her positive opinion on Mazrui's lecture. "I think it's very important to talk about and not to let it just lie fallow and not deal with it," said McArn regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "I think his point about how to deal with America's role in this situation is really helpful....[He] gives us pause to think about what is the role of the U.S. in foreign affairs," he added. McArn also stressed the importance of Mazrui's representation of the Palestinian viewpoint, and how important it is that we "support Islam on this campus any way we can."

Mazrui began his lecture by stating that "aspects of my lecture may be regarded as controversial by some," but that "the nature of this lecture is that we can disagree and still part as friends." He went on to speak about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the terrorism that is so present in that area of the world. "A world without terrorism requires major changes," said Mazrui. He added that terrorism would continue as long as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict exists.

Mazrui continued his lecture by speaking about the United States' role in the conflict, and in foreign affairs in general. He does not approve of the United States' involvement, and their support of Israel. "The United States provides a kind of impunity to Israeli behavior," said Mazrui, and added that much of what Israel gets away with is because of United States protection.

Later in his lecture, Mazrui further spoke on the United States' behavior, calling the government "tigger-happy." "There has been an emerging American hegemony in the decades over the 20th century," he said, and then discussed how this is demonstrated by the "American infatuation with warrior presidents." He stated that each one has "wanted the experience of ordering at least one military action," and how "every president since F.D.R. has engaged in some act of war." He then went on to give a lengthy and disturbing list of the military operations of each one.

Mazrui also commented on how although the United States is a democracy internally, it functions as hegemonic empire abroad. "How do you deal with an America that's become an empire?" he asked. "You use the American people to control it."

Mazrui concluded his lecture by stressing the importance of working to change this dynamic of the United States, and end terrorism. "We need to strenthen the democratic side of America so as to weaken the imperial side of America."

Some students and faculty found Mazrui's lecture to be too controversial, and were even offended by his opinions of and comments on the actions of the United States and our role in affairs in the Muslim world, as well as his comments on Israel's actions in the Israeli-Palestinian coflict. "The lecture was, indeed, controversial," said Anwar, "Perhaps that was because his views are mind-boggling, especially for those of us who are so used to listening to whatever the media says about the U.S. foreign policy or the Israeli-Palestinian conflict."

College finds new dean of admission and financial aid

*from **Inzer**, page 1*

Inzer worked at Muhlenberg College, a liberal arts school located in Allenstown, Pennsylvania. She also attended Skidmore College, also a liberal arts institution.

"I'm excited to return to a liberal arts college because the liberal arts are important to me from my own personal experience and because I miss the diversity of experience and range of interests that students and faculty members celebrate in environments like Hamilton's," Inzer stated.

The Hamilton search committee worked in accordance with the Isaacson, Miller search firm, which helped recruit a pool of qualified candidates from institutions nationwide.

"They [Isaacson, Miller] have a real sense of the national scene in higher education; about who might be looking for a job; about who might be terrific, but who's stuck one notch below the senior position and can't advance there [at their current institution]; about who's fantastic, but who's not looking for a job, but who could be persuaded to consider coming to Hamilton," said Associate Professor of Philosophy Katheryn Doran, chair of the search committee.

In addition to Doran, the committee was composed of Professor of Economics Stephen Wu, Sarah Karalunas '04, Associate Professor of Physical Education Susan Viscomi, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Meredith Bonham, Director of Communication and Development Mike Debraggio, Acting Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Lora Schilder and College Trustees Amy Owens Goodfriend '82 and Chester A. Siuda '70.

Doran and the search committee evaluated the candidates found by Isaacson, Miller in order to determine which candidate would be the right fit at Hamilton. Doran is pleased with the choice the committee has made.

"I think it was a combination of freshness and experience," Doran said of the characteristics that made Inzer the ideal candidate. "There was this sense of both an excellent track record, combined with a forward-looking-ness, which some of the other candidates who had been in their positions for a long time didn't seem to have, and though they had more experience than Monica, they seemed to be more set in their ways and less likely to take risks and try new things."

Inzer grew up approximately twelve miles from College Hill, in Sherrill, N.Y., and attended Vernon-Verona-Sherrill (VVS) High School. Inzer stated that possibility of living close to her extended family and her childhood home factored into her decision to accept the position at Hamilton.

"It has been almost twenty years since I left the area, and I do believe this is a homecoming of sorts. My husband and I both grew up in small towns like Clinton, and we're looking forward to reconnecting with the area, raising our son near family, and living in a part of the country where the pace is a little slower and saner," Inzer stated.

Inzer will take over the position left vacant when Richard Fuller abruptly ended his nine-year tenure at the College last spring. Schilder has been running the admissions office for the last year on an interim basis. Schilder did not immediately return *The Spectator's* calls.

Acid rain plagues the Adirondack environment

*from **Acid Rain**, page 2*

To help the recovery process, Driscoll has created programs to study the effects of adding lime (which calcifies soil and water, thereby providing an important nutrient for life) by spreading it with helicopters. Sweden and other Northern European countries with similar problems have very large versions of this program.

While research has shown that this is an effective method with many positive results, it is an expensive and sometimes controversial practice.

Objections are based on potential extinction of plants that thrive in low-calcium environments. This evidence has caused the State of New York to refuse any proposal of a larger-scale plan.

To end his talk, Driscoll spoke about upcoming legislative changes to emissions and other pollution controls.

The 1990 Clean Air Act is overdue for reauthorization and various new controls are currently being circulated in Washington.

Driscoll showed graphs of projected air improvement under different bills, but explained that he was careful not to advocate one over the other.

During the question-and-answer session, some members of the audience expressed skepticism that the situation had really improved as much as Driscoll claimed.

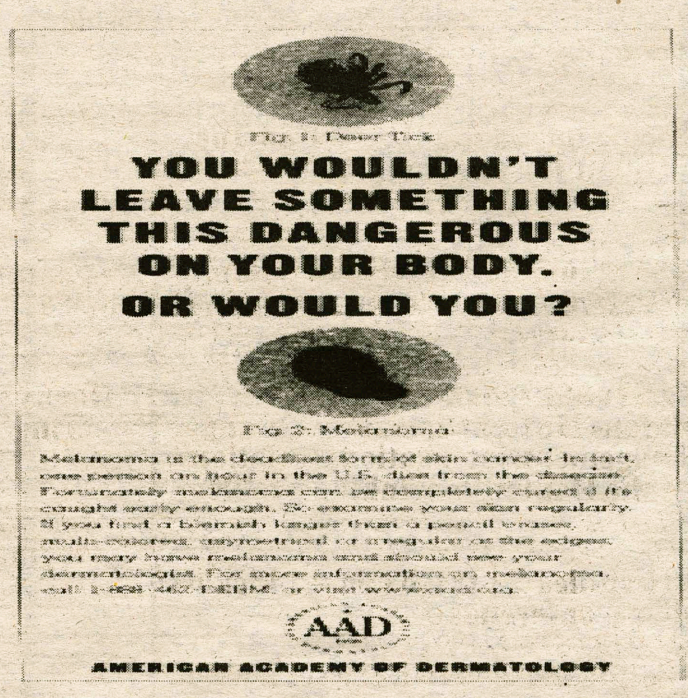
He explained, however, that his numbers were actually fairly conservative among those of the other observers.

"I don't advocate policy," Driscoll said in an interview after the event. "I try to inform policy."

While this purely scientific approach to the situation may carry its own set of difficulties, it also avoids certain hazards. A scholar who takes sides, he explained, loses credibility, an all-important commodity.

Though himself fairly non-political, Driscoll hopes that students will benefit from his talk. He says that understanding the complexities and trade-offs should help everyone interested in environmental preservation, regardless of their scientific background.

"I...think that it's vital for students to understand the vast environmental impacts of our industrialized, high consumption society." said Visiting Assistant Professor of Government Peter Cannavo. "Acid rain is not just something created by a few nasty polluters and foisted on the rest of us. It results from our society's use of energy and fossil fuels, something in which we are all complicit. Seeing how acid rain effects a beloved wilderness in our own backyard can bring home the impact each of us is having on our planet and the responsibility that entails."



Insights and Ideas

No Straw Men

by Jonathan Rick '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

In last week's *Spectator*, Toby Taylor objected to my reference to fetuses as "biological parasites" ("The Pious Politics of George W. Bush," 2/13/04). From what I and others can piece together, his argument is as follows. Third trimester abortion is "medically unnecessary" because it takes just as long to abort as to deliver via a c-section; so why not deliver?

First, so what? Time is irrelevant here. All that matters is the mother's choice – however long she needs to make it. To be sure, no one advocates abortion as birth control; we who are pro-abortion say that it is a mother's right to choose how to dispose of her body, of which the fetus is necessarily an appendage.

Second, I have no doubt that every mother perceives her life within as just that, and assuredly not as a parasite. But how mothers perceive their life within is irrelevant to abortion laws; it matters only whether the fetus has rights, which, if the mother does, the fetus cannot.

Third, Dr. Taylor says that a "third trimester child... no longer has to be a 'parasite.'" Yes, it doesn't "have to be" – but it is. Yes, a fetus in the third trimester can live independently, or is "viable," in the Supreme Court's definition. But the fact is that it's *not* living independently.

Rather, as Richard Parker, another M.D., notes: The fetus is "within the mother and connected to her via the placenta and umbilical chord. It is directly physically dependent on the mother for all of its life sustaining needs – oxygen, energy and safety from the external environment."[1] This is a crucial distinction. It is, in Ayn Rand's formulation, the difference between the potential and the actual. Life is not personhood, as Religious Tolerance.org notes.

Fourth, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that only 1.4 percent of abortions occur after 20 weeks (the third trimester begins at 24 weeks).[2] Of this 1.4 percent, almost all abortions occur (1) when continuing the pregnancy threatens or aggravates the mother's health, inducing malignant hypertension, uncontrollable diabetes, heart failure, serious renal disease, etc.; or (2) upon discovery of serious fetal anomalies, like genetic disorders, thus inducing a short, painful, and/or impaired life if carried to term.[3]

Finally, Dr. Toby alleges that the American Medical Association recently "condemned" "partial-birth" abortion. According to its Web site, as of December 17, 2003, the "A.M.A. *recommends* that abortions not be performed in the third trimester *except in cases of serious fetal anomalies incompatible with life*" (my emphasis).[4] The A.M.A. also cautions that the phrase "partial birth" "is not a medical term. The A.M.A. will use the term 'intact dilatation and extraction' (or intact D&X)."[5] On the other hand, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (an organization representing nearly 40,000 physicians who provide health care for women);[6] the American Nurses Association (an organization representing the nation's 2.7 million registered nurses),[7] and the American Medical Women's Association (an organization of 10,000 women physicians and medical students),[8] strongly support intact D&X.

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Point/Counterpoint

Star Wars Trilogy on DVD

by Matt Kotowski '05
Justin Thompson-Tucker '05
& Whit Rothe '06

Matthew Kotowski: This week's topic: Star Wars, the Special Edition, on DVD. Discuss.

Justin Thompson-Tucker: Well I have to say that I am very disappointed in Lucas. I had hoped he was planning on releasing the Originals instead of the Special Editions of Episodes 4, 5, and 6 on DVD, but instead he has chosen to release the Special Editions only on DVD and refuse the consumer a choice. First of all, I think it is very arrogant of him because people don't have a choice, so they must buy the Special Editions if they want to have Star Wars on DVD and in widescreen. I think it was a horrible move to make the Special Editions in the first place, because once you have created a film and it has become so beloved by audiences world-wide, it is really a disgrace to alter them or update them.

MK: That is a valid and lengthy point. Whitney, your response.

Whitney Knowlton Rothe: Yeah. I am going to have to go ahead and disagree with you on that, Justin. We're getting Star Wars on DVD, and I think that the Special Editions are pretty damn good. Lucas wanted to make those changes. The original films weren't necessarily his original vision. He didn't have the money at the time to do the effects shots that he wanted, so the Special Editions gave him the opportunity to do them. I think that it's great to have it on a great format such as DVD. I can't wait to see all of those great moments, specifically in Empire Strikes Back, in widescreen with a great transfer on my computer with my great audio system. It's going to be fun. Going to buy it this September 17th.

MK: Very commercial of you, Whitney, Justin, your response.

JTT: Whit, you ignorant slut! It is all commercial! That's the problem! George Lucas has completely commercialized Star Wars instead of letting it be the amazing films that they were and are today. The ridiculous thing is that he sold out to Pepsi and the other conglomerates, and he sold out in terms of the crappy computer generated effects that he just added in for the hell of it. I mean, they don't even look that good and they completely take away from the rest of the film because of the contrast of the old special effects and the new special effects. It makes the films much worse because of the disparity of the effects. A whole generation is going to grow up really confused. How are parents going to be able to explain to their kids without upsetting these children? "I am sorry. George Lucas is an ass and he took it upon himself to be the biggest jerkoff in the world."

MK: Whitney, you look pained. Care to respond?

WKR: I really don't think it is that big of a deal. The effects

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Thumbs Up Thumbs Down Who Cares?

- www.pixyland.org/peterpan ...Dad!?!

- Spooning to Enya.

- People mistaking the VT on Tuesday night for Bourbon St.

- The return of testicles to Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down.

- Sacerdote Speaker Series presents: Saddam Hussein speaking on anger management, international relations, and the Hamilton drinking problem.

- 18 handles + 1 trash can = 1 kickass Adler Conference

- Missing more than 5 classes a week, weekly.

- Cat people.

- Hostile dorks living in Minor: Not a good thing.

- Mayonnaise sandwiches in Commons. Bone Eappateet!

- Club VT.

- The iron fist of the parking appeal committee turning students down faster than Marge turns cardless students away.

- Horny pledges: Something about a man wearing a dress just doesn't spell sex to me.

- Men with ponytails... and they've been springing up everywhere on campus.

Deirdre Fenton '04, Avery Schlicher '05, Elizabeth Dyke '05, and Matt Amoroso '05

- PBX rush function in Opus every day at 12. Required attire: Birkenstock clogs and knitted caps.

- Campus Safety's new pimped out ride. Gold today, hydraulics tomorrow.

- The new housing policy spelling the end of the DU dynasty.

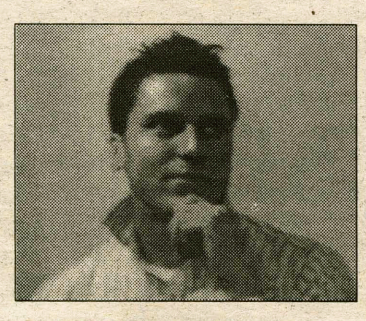
- Going out of season sale in Beinecke: ATX bids and Doc Martens! Come one, come all!

- Stressing about getting off-campus housing. If you're cool enough and affiliated, you'll be fine.

- Men with eating disorders: "Not everyone with an eating disorder needs to fit into a size 2 dress tonight."

Come on Clinton:
Sex, Gender and Power

Klitora Kirkland
Sarah Schwartz '04



Phallixander Hamilton
Dan Fiore '04

If you say "yes" to sex you're in control, right? You made the choice, you're doing what you want, so what's the problem? Well, maybe the problem is you're being pounded into mattresses at warp speed or being flipped like Brian Boitano on ice. You're not in control if you're not getting off, or even worse, in physical pain. So how does one become empowered in a sexual relationship? And what signifies power in a sexual relationship?

Positions of Power

We spoke to many men and women on campus who contend that there are certain sexual positions that indicate where the power in the relationship lies. "I won't go down on a guy unless he goes down on me first," said one senior female. Klitora's mother is of the school of thought that oral sex should only be done after sexual intercourse has been done: "Oral sex is an intimate and submissive act," she says decidedly.

One is selflessly giving pleasure, and one would like to feel that that selflessness has been merited. Then again, isn't heterosexual sex often the same thing? Seventy percent of women in heterosexual relationships do not orgasm during intercourse - might as well just give a blowjob, huh?

There are some women who feel uncomfortable having doggy style sex: "I don't like that the guy isn't looking at me...I could be anyone." The solution may be to choose sexual partners to whom you are you, not just anyone. No one wants to be made to feel like a mere vessel of openings or appendages that can be separated from the brains behind the whole operation.

Our special consultant at Carnegie Melon University describes the issue with the perfect words: "When I see a guy who I've slept with and he ignores me, I tap him on the shoulder and say, 'Umm... excuse me. You may not remember me, but I believe our genitals have been introduced."

As for traditional sexual positions such as missionary or girl-on-top, what is the power dynamic? Does going down on a woman indicate a loss of control in the relationship? These are questions that we wish could go unasked - sex shouldn't have to be about power, it should be about happiness and freedom and feeling good. This truth makes it necessary to use a more broad definition of power...

What is "Power"?

Last semester, a group of women from the seminar on Sexuality gave us an excellent definition of what sexual power was. They aptly called themselves the WETS (Women Empowered through Sexuality) and put together "Sex Day," a four hour conference for over 50 women discussing everything from body image to safe sex to the female orgasm to pleasure. They handed out female condoms, vibrators, and a t-shirt that read "Pleasure is Power."

Politics of Power

Do you remember Sexual Education class in your elementary school or middle school? In the New York City public school system Sex Ed was a joke: a time in which pertinent questions went unanswered and boys huddled in the back of the classroom bragging about having omitted some weird white stuff for the first time. As time went on, we learned from television, movies, our awkward parents, and pornography everything we needed to know about sex. What a f***ing disaster.

These days things are looking even worse: our genius president hopes to revolutionize Sex Ed programs around the nation. He hopes that Sex Ed will cover one thing and one thing only: abstinence. We will end up in the position of having children who think that they are sinful or dirty for having sexual thoughts.

Women will be even more disempowered, believing that their physical pleasure is inconsequential in romantic relationships. And there will be even more unwanted pregnancy and an abundance of STD's. If we don't know about sex, then we don't know about protection - especially if sex is seen to be shameful and wrong.

And Finally...

It seems that the more you know the better off you are. Finding a relationship in which you feel sexually comfortable and your partner has an understanding of what makes you feel good (and vice versa) is one road to sexual empowerment. Knowledge is power, and as W.E.T.S. say, "Pleasure is Power!" Keep your heads up, you've got Phallix and Klitora behind you, sometimes under you.

Nader: A politican like any other

by Ann Horwitz '06
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

I used to have a lot of respect for Ralph Nader. I agree with his ideals, he's passionate, and he's clearly got more intellect than I could ever hope to possess. Yeah, I used to admire all that. Then came 2000. Nader siphoned off Gore votes in Florida and New Hampshire and effectively handed the presidency to George W. Bush.

In my mind, any good he'd ever done in the name of the environment or the everyday, hard-working American was cancelled out in 2000. By putting the corporation-friendly Bush into office, Nader did something so detrimental to the environment and to blue-collar Americans, that I lost all but a shred of respect for him. This past weekend, that last shred was lost as well.

Ralph Nader announced on Sunday that he is running for president again in 2004. He's proving that, despite the pro-environment and consumer front, he's still a politician, just as self-serving and publicity-hungry as the next. On "Meet the Press," Nader said his "desire to retire our supremely selected president" is what ultimately prompted him to run again.

If his aim were to unseat Bush (and I'd be the last to criticize him for that goal), he wouldn't be running. After what happened in 2000, it's clear that the Democratic nominee will benefit from a Nader-free ballot. His bid for the Oval Office has nothing to do with beating Bush and everything to do with getting him on the front page again.

It also seems a bit cocky for a guy who didn't even secure enough votes in 2000 to get federal funding for his campaign, to think things will be different this time around. It is cocky, but he's not running because he thinks he'll win. He's far too intelligent to be operating under that false notion. Nader has no chance of winning the presidency, but he does know that he'll get enough support from the ultra-liberal collegiate set to keep him in the news.

What if that shatters the Democratic base and hands the election, once again, to Bush? I doubt Nader cares. If he did, he wouldn't be in the race. If he truly care for environmental protection and the rights of average American consumers, he'd graciously sit this one out.

I, like many other Hamiltonians, attended Nader's lecture in the Chapel on February 10th. I agreed with almost everything he said, but it wasn't as though he was saying anything we hadn't heard before. Now, I'm willing to agree with his point that there is very little difference between the two major parties. But even Nader the Crusader must admit that a Democratic president would be the lesser of two evils, especially vis-á-vis the environment, perhaps the one issue on which Bush and Kerry (the Dems' front-runner) clearly have polar views.

Nader's wish to challenge the "corporate interests" in America is a noble goal; I applaud it. But running as an independent and compromising the chances that Bush will be defeated in November is not the best way to challenge corporate cronyism in Washington. Nor is touring the country reeling in whopping paychecks just for preaching to the choir (i.e. liberal college students). If he really wanted to do some good, he would give the Democrats a better shot at the White House by not running for president this year.

Some of Nader's closest friends and political allies encouraged him not to run, but he refused, claiming he's representing the interests of common Americans. Again, if that were his aim, he'd forgo this campaign. It's disappointing to see someone who's accomplished so much in the past, for the environment and for lay Americans, negating it all just for some time in the spotlight.

Escape from Root

by Tim Mudie '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

I am troubled. Maybe I'm overreacting, and maybe I'm the only person noticing this, but Root is becoming a prison colony. And it's not a fun prison colony like Australia, what with all the kangaroos and koala bears and such.

No, this is starting to remind me of those "Escape From..." movies. You know, with Kurt Russell being incredibly badass (this is the first time I have used that word in both my articles in the same week). Now, first off, I have to be honest: I have never set foot in Root. I have nothing against it, I just like my substances.

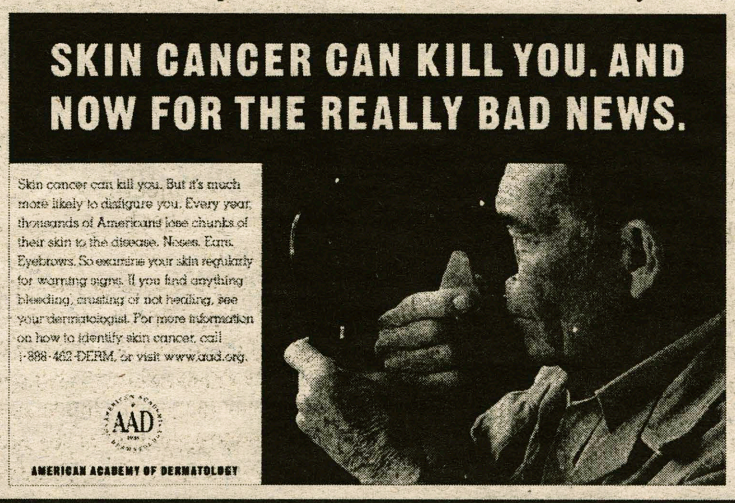
But I've noticed a trend in J-Board sentencing. Students are sentenced to social probation or whatever and then they have to live in Root. Maybe it's just me but does putting all of the kids who get in trouble for drugs and heavy drinking (not to mention breaking stuff and spraying people with smoke detectors) in the same dorm? Not to mention that Root is supposedly a substance free dorm.

Like I said, I've never been in Root. But it used to seem so friendly, with nice sober people hanging out and that little plastic jungle gym in the common room. Now, I feel that if I walked in there I would see a bunch of dudes lifting weights and playing poker for cigarettes. Yes, just like in prison. You just know that kids are in there whittling their toothbrushes into sharp points just in case they have to shiv someone. I've seen it a million times before. Well, maybe not, but I watch a lot of movies.

Have you ever seen that movie *Blow*? You know that scene where Johnny Depp says he'll teach the convicts how to smuggle drugs if they try to learn about American History? I think you see where I'm going with this. This is not what Root should be.

The students who are placed in Root for drinking or drugs or whatnot are unlikely to stop just because they're placed into substance-free housing. All that the current policy of placing drug and alcohol "offenders" in Root does is ruin it for the students who actually want to live in substance-free housing (I assume these people do exist).

So please, J-Board, stop putting kids in substance-free housing because they do too many substances. You're only punishing Root.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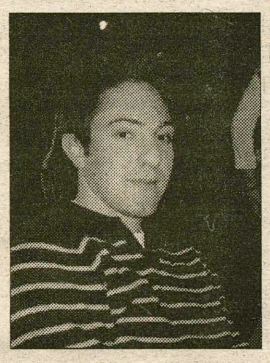

I don't use pickup lines, I rely on my natural good looks.

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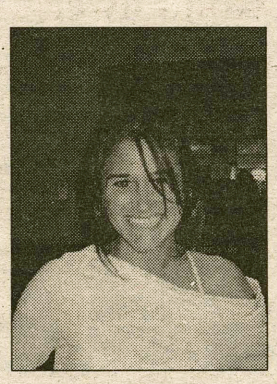

I'm really not interested in a relationship.

- Michelle Levi '05

Are those pants felt? Do you want them to be?

- Clark Winter '07

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editors of the Spectator,

To my great distress I have just learned of the plans to close the Keehn Cooperative. I am saddened not only because my own experience in the Coop was an important and memorable part of my Hamilton education and experience, but also because Hamilton will be depriving its students and community of a vital resource.

Obviously the illegal and dangerous behavior of the students who violated the law and showed total disregard for the safety of themselves and their fellow students cannot be condoned or tolerated. As the parent of a high school senior such a situation is a nightmare and a disaster waiting to happen. However closing the Coop is a rather extreme solution to the problem.

As previously stated my son Ben is a senior in high school. He is also a double legacy. His mother, and my wife, is Kim Coons, Class of 1979 and a Keehn Co-op alumna. We have spent the last year deeply immersed in the college selection process, researching Hamilton and its "competition". One issue that every college stresses is the need for a diverse student body, not just racially, but in interests, skills, politics and philosophies. It is these differences that create a vibrant and exciting college community. A community where learning can take place not just in the classroom, but also in the dorm rooms, dining halls and quads of the campus. The Keehn Coop helps add that all important diversity and vibrance to the Hamilton community.

One of the many ways Hamilton has fought against its unfortunate and inaccurate stereotype is by promoting the Kirkland legacy. I am a Kirkland era alumnus, class of 1980. Of the three years I lived on campus two were spent at Keehn Co-op, in the heart of the Kirkland campus. The Keehn Co-op is inseparable from the Kirkland legacy. In the late Seventies, as throughout its history, the Co-op was a center of political activity. The burning issues of the day for Co-opers, divestiture from South Africa, opposition to the Pinochet government, alternatives to nuclear and fossil fuels, seemed radical and misguided to much of the campus. Today they seem mainstream and quaint. I remember a trustee telling me I didn't understand the ways of the world if I ever thought Hamilton would divest from companies doing business with South Africa.° The Co-op provided a refuge for many Hamiltonians who held political and social views not popular on the Hamilton side of the campus. The Co-op was one part of Kirkland's atmosphere of tolerance and acceptance.

I was at Hamilton during the divisive demise of Kirkland College. At the time it felt like Hamilton was trying squash Kirkland's rambunctious free spiritedness, educational innovation and leftist politics. Those of us, male and female, to whom Kirkland meant so much, have been heartened by its recent elevation in Hamilton's traditions. The purpose of Kirkland's promotion in the current Hamilton College literature and curriculum is to attract more women and perhaps more students like my son who only hear the reputation without seeing the depth and complexity of Hamilton.

Properly managed Keehn Co-op can help continue Kirkland's traditions of innovation, independence and individuality. It can help Hamilton College reach an intellectually and politically diverse applicant pool. Most importantly Keehn Cooperative can help the Hamilton College community continue to be the exciting and challenging place I remember and, I hope, all of us want it to continue to be.

- Mort Korn '80

To the Editor,

I am writing to express my vast disappointment at certain recent submissions to the Spectator. Specifically, I am concerned with letters to the editor that do not present a logical argument that speaks to an audience of educated peers. A letter in last week's paper, in which Professor Isserman voiced his displeasure about a parking ticket incident, is the latest example . The letter voices an opinion about an issue that very likely should be addressed by purchasing No Parking signs, as Professor Isserman suggests. However, I do not envision the Spectator as a forum for the airing of personal grievances as much as a way to address more universal concerns to the college at large.

This being said, the intentional misuse of the Spectator is not my primary concern behind writing this letter. The major reason for my disappointment lies in the letter's tone. The letter seems to be of a highly sarcastic tone, one that reduces the readers to being seemingly infantile. The attitude behind the piece comes across as having nothing but contempt for the reader and the community at large. If the objective of this highly regarded academic institution is to produce a group of mature individuals learning in a society of intellectuals, I would expect that letters addressing the community, especially by highly regarded faculty members, should reflect these goals. This is not a personal attack against Professor Isserman, but instead is a plea to all future writers to treat the college community with the respect the scholars of this institution deserve.

Respectfully,
Jeffrey Friedman '05

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No Straw Men

*from **No Straw Men**, page 7*

On trivialities and trivializing

In the 2/6/04 issue of the *Spectator*, Professor of Women Studies Vivyan Adair complains that this year's Super Bowl halftime spectacle was "obscene and dangerous," because people "cheered" as a "white man ripped the blouse [sic] off of a young black woman, exposing, objectifying and commodifying her body." Apparently, this two-second act "represents and perpetuates rampant racism and misogyny."

Unfortunately, the evidence Professor Adair offers consists of a vague reference to "historical and contemporary practice." Thus, all I can offer in response is a reference to the answer Victor Davis Hanson gives to such academic grievances: Osama bin Laden and the mullahs of Iran and Saudi Arabia would agree with you professor.[1] (No, I'm not equating Professor Adair with these terrorists; I'm simply noting an element of their ideological commonalities.)

I can also reference the observations, in part, of Tammy Bruce, former president of the National Organization for Women. The alleged victim knowingly performed in a song with a main refrain of "I'll have you naked by the end of this song." And her breast "looked like it had been adorned for a very special coming out party."[2]

Furthermore, to paraphrase Adam Gordon '06, it seems that Professor Adair possesses victimization goggles, which enable her to read misogyny and racism, among many other ills no doubt, into most events. But equating the sexualized exposure of Janet Jackson's right breast with great historical injustices is facile hyperbole – and it trivializes the real injustices that "blacks" and women still suffer today.

[1] Victor Davis Hanson, "War Talk," National Review Online, November 2, 2001. <http://www.nationalreview.com/hanson/hanson110201.shtml>
[2] Tammy Bruce, "Exposing Viacom's Indecency," FrontPage Magazine, February 3, 2004. <http://www.frontpagemag.com/Articles/ReadArticle.asp?ID=12030>

Special Edition vs. original Star Wars: Which is better?

*from **Star Wars,** page 7*

look pretty good. I am glad that ILM cleaned up those boxes around the ships when they were flying and added different angles. I think the space battles are much better, and the Death Star explosion used to look like absolute crap. Specifically, the fact there were cardboard cutouts of people in the ceremony scene at the end of the original Star Wars, and now, they are computer generated humans makes the film look much better. I have never been a big fan of that Ewok "Yub-yub" song at the end of Return of the Jedi. I think that they show the celebration on different planets makes the fall of the Empire that much bigger and better for the saga on the whole.

MK: Whitney, at the time of the making of the Original Trilogy, the planet of Coruscant did not exist at all and yet it is now at the end of the third movie. That seems like a bunch of crap to me. What do you think, Justin?

JTT: Well, I have to say that I agree with you Matt. The fact that Coruscant wasn't even invented at the time is a load of crap. Also, suddenly when the Emperor is dead, the fact that everyone on Coruscant is overjoyed is ridiculous because the planet was controlled by the Empire and that is the way they were living their lives which I am sure they enjoyed very much, They were all on the dark side, they were enjoying it, they were having a good time, they even built a statue to him which was quite becoming of the Emperor I must say. And one final point Whit, you are an ignorant slut.

WKR: How unbiased of you Matt. I will respond to your question. Obviously, George Lucas probably changed his mind on a few things after he had conceived the prequels. The fact is he is going to make an Ultimate Edition of the original trilogy a few years from now, which is going to have a sweet, bitchin lightsaber fight between Obi Wan Kenobi and Darth Vader, according to the rumor. So basically, Coruscant is present in Episodes 1 - 3, and so it wouldn't matter that it is at the end of 6. Not a big deal. So if you want to sit back and hold on to your old nostalgia for the 1980's and your old Star Wars movies, go ahead and watch your old VHS copies. I will look forward to the future. I will enjoy them on DVD on my sweet surround sound system.

MK: We are running out of time...

JTT: So this updated light saber battle between Obi Wan and Darth Vader maybe sweet and all, but that just means you will have to go back and buy the DVDs again! So Lucas is basically screwing the consumer in every which way making them buy all of these updated versions. Do it all in one thing or don't do it at all.

WKR: How is that screwing the consumer? It's another sweet light saber fight? If I am the consumer, that's pretty sweet. I get more light saber action.

MK: Clearly we are getting nowhere. Final points, gentlemen.

JTT: My final point is that directors and producers need not alter their old films because these films are a representation of the time they were made in. If a filmmaker wants to make a movie with updated effects, make another movie! Get some creativity and stop whining.

WKR: I say that although I enjoy the original Star Wars Trilogy, it isn't coming out on DVD. So I am going to enjoy the Special Editions when they come out in September for a low price of $49.99.

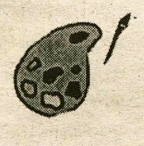
JTT: Whit, you corporate whore!

MK: Thank you both. Whitney, thank you for joining us from Alaska via satellite. Justin, say hi to Hilary for me. That is all of the time we have on Point/Counterpoint. This is Matt Kotowski saying "Suck it!"

Next Week: Commons vs. McEwen

Drawing Criticism: by Tom Booth '06

What Do These Organizations Have In Common?



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Features

Medea Benjamin speaks out against globalization, encourages political activism

by Kathleen McGrory '05
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When Medea Benjamin read in a newspaper that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld was to testify before the Arms Service Committee on the then upcoming war in Iraq, she confronted Rumsfeld herself. Benjamin, an economist and social activist, flew into Washington DC to attend the public hearing. "As fate would have it," Benjamin described, she was seated behind Rumsfeld himself.

When Rumsfeld opened the floor from questions from Congress, Benjamin began to ask some questions of her own. She stood up, unrolled a sign that read "UN Inspections not US War" and began asking questions such as "Where is your proof of weapons of mass destruction" and "Isn't it true you were once friendly with Saddam Hussein?" until she was carried out. Her actions were carried live on networks such as CNN and CSPAN, and made the front page of the Washington Post, the New York Times and the Los Angeles Times.

In addition to battling the war in Iraq, Benjamin is battling another cause she feels worthy of our attention: globalization. And while challenging globalization is not like challenging public figures, Medea has been making quite some headway.

"I didn't get interested in globalization by reading books or by studying Marxism," she said while chatting on the Hamilton College campus. "It was not from the intellectual side that I got interested, but rather, when I started seeing the affects of globalization on real people in the world."

"It was apparent to me that corporate abuses were killing people," she said, "and people needed to get involved to stop the abuse."

Since, she has been involved in the fight to stop corporate exploitations of peoples around the world. In particular, she has challenged companies such as Nike and Folgers.

Nevertheless, Benjamin is not your average human rights activist. In addition to her experience in the field, she has an MA in economics. As globalization is used as an economic model, her scholarship allowed her to begin to understand both sides of the debate.

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Activist Medea Benjamin shared stories of protests in her lecture.

"While I was pursuing my masters in economics I began to truly understand how the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and more recently, the World Trade Organization (WTO) make the rules totally one-sided," she said. "It did, however, become increasingly apparent to me that the rules of international trade corresponded more to the desires of large corporations than to the needs of human beings."

Moreover, Benjamin encountered many difficulties in the world of economics. "It is very difficult for people who care about these issues to hear main-stream economists talk about the benefits of a free market, and supply and demand guiding the market," she described. "People act as if growth should be the engine of the economy rather than basic needs."

Putting together her mind for economics and her compassion for human rights, Benjamin began her campaign against globalization with specific regards to free trade agreements and institutions such as the IMF and the WTO.

"Globalization affects our lives and everyone else on the planet's lives," she said. "It affects our ability to get decent jobs, and consequently, the lives of our communities. If you look at Utica you'll see what happens when an industry - in this case, textiles - is destroyed by globalization."

In order to combat these forces, Benjamin was instrumental in the formation of two groups: Global Exchange and Code Pink, a women's organization for peace and social justice.

Founded 15 years ago, Global Exchange campaigns against the advance of corporate dominated global institutions such as the WTO as well as free-trade agreements such as the North American Free Trade Alliance (NAFTA). It instead promotes fair trade, especially of food products such as coffee, tea and chocolate. Since its founding, Global Exchange has opened up a number of stores in which the fair-trade model is employed. Additionally, it sponsors Green Festivals at which green and worker-friendly businesses are invited to sell their products and network.

Code Pink focuses on the issue of economic priorities. Don't be fooled by its name, although women do lead the organization, men are encouraged to join. In this election year, the organization's main campaign is called "Give Bush a Pink Slip." The term "pink slip" is used to represent both "what you get when you're fired" and "women's lingerie," said Benjamin with a smile.

"In this election year we are encouraging that people give Bush a pink slip by rolling out 40 ft. pink slips as a sign of protest," she said.

Both organizations are presently working to pressure the automobile industry to produce fuel efficient cars. Global exchange, for example, is promoting hybrid cars. The organization has also challenged Ford to produce a car that gets 50 miles to the gallon.

Code Pink is campaigning specifically against the Hummer, what Benjamin calls an "egregious vehicle" that "represents the militarization of society." According to Benjamin, the Hummer only gets 8 miles to each gallon of fuel. Nevertheless, purchasers of a Hummer can receive a tax write-off of up to $100,000, as the vehicle weighs more than 6,000 pounds. This legislation was originally written for farmers purchasing tractors. Code Pink seeks to close the tax-loop hole associated with the purchase of Hummers, an automobile that costs anywhere from $50,000 to $120,000.

Despite her recent campaigns, Benjamin has most currently been in the news for her close friendship with presidential hopeful Ralph Nader. Nader, who spoke at Hamilton earlier this month, announced his candidacy last week.

"I think it's great to have Nader's voice out there," she said. "He brings up issues that the democrats won't address. For example, he's suggested that we impeach Bush. He also talks about subjects such as revoking corporate charters and universal health care, both of which the democrats are afraid to touch."

Nevertheless, Benjamin urges voters to be strategic when casting their votes. "This time around Bush has been such a danger to the future of this country," she said. "The key issue here is that we get Bush out of office, and in many states, it is going to be a close race."

Politics aside, Benjamin's most important mission is that the issues get addressed. "Such is the life of an activist," she said, "and it's the most fulfilling work you can do, because you're in touch with amazing people from all over the world whose lives aren't guided by money and fame, but by the basic desire to help other people. Those are the best folks."

Benjamin notes, however, that there are not many well-paying jobs for activists. In that spirit, she encourages people to get involved in socially responsible business.

According to Benjamin, the important this is to be active. "Vote. Run for office. It was the best thing I ever did," she said, referencing her 2000 bid for US Senate in California on the Green Party ticket. Benjamin also suggests people get involved with unions, labor rights groups, and women's groups.

"What we don't want to hear is cynicism and disempowerment," she said. "We're all only one person. But that's really all it takes to make major changes in the world."

Student Assembly brings movie channel to the Hill

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WRITER

Quality movies on your own television screen, without you even having to leave your futon. The impossible has been made possible recently by the Student Assembly and the Samuel Kirkland Film Society. The two organizations teamed up to create a Movie Channel that will be up and running in the near future, hopefully before Spring Break. Three movies will run on a continuous loop each week per month, for a total of twelve movies a month.

Senior Class Representative Mike Galante '04 spearheaded the project this semester. "I wanted to get involved with this because there seemed to be nothing good on television and I thought a movie channel would be a pleasurable alternative to central New York cable," he says, "especially on a snowy Sunday afternoon when everyone is recovering from the weekend. Let's face it - during the winter months (which are basically all of them), it can get pretty dreary and miserable around here. Students probably spend about 75% of their time in their rooms simply because it's too cold to go outside. I think that I'd rather be sitting on my couch enjoying a good movie, than watching the snow accumulate up to my 2nd floor window."

Vice President of Student Assembly Jeff Long '05 agrees: "I believe the new movie channel that Student Assembly has put together is one more positive option for non-alcoholic social events. The movie channel will bring great new discussions to our dining hall tables, Cafe Opus, and beyond."

"From the Samuel Kirkland Film Society perspective, we support and encourage this idea," says Sharon Hakim '06, co-president of SKF. The idea of a movie channel is nothing new for SKF. The organization proposed the idea to the Assembly in the past, but the Assembly turned it down because of expenses. The current package being optioned ends up at around $10,000 per year annually, which the Assembly approved. However, SKF and the movie channel will work together, not against each other, to provide motion picture entertainment for the campus community. "The point of SK Films is to bring as many films to campus as possible, in the most convenient ways for the students, and the new movie channel accomplishes this," says Sharon. "We have had great turnout for our movies at all of the show times on the weekends in KJ; we are really encouraged by the fact that students on a limited budget like to go out and see movies. I don't think the movie channel will negatively affect SK Films; we'll be showing different movies in KJ than the ones on cable. This semester, we're planning snacks, theme nights, and perhaps a movie outside on minor field in the spring."

Although no movies have been decided on yet, the Assembly hopes to get a wide variety of titles that aren't of the TBS/TNT/USA weekend movie marathons. "Personally, I'm up for some classic eighties stuff," Mike says. "Trading Places; Planes, Trains and Automobiles; and The Naked Gun are some favorites of mine." Academic departments, as well as campus organizations, will also be able to have a say in what movies are selected. "I urge student organizations, foreign language departments, and all other student/faculty contituencies around the campus to play a role in choosing movies to be viewed on the channel," Jeff states. "SA is a governing body of action and this is yet another example of our determined team coming together for an improvment upon exisiting student life - the channel is a privilege to have on-campus and we should not take it for granted."

San Francisco marriages cause national stir

*from **Marriage**, page 1*

couple is the focus of all attention, we felt like we were taking part in a collective event with hundreds, thousands of others."

Sturm agreed. "We became sort of a family. It was so exciting to be a part of something so fun and so meaningful." She paused. "The big joke on the line was 'If Britney can do it, so can I!'" Sturm said with a laugh.

Once inside the building, Luciano and Sturm waited nearly 2 hours for a marriage license. After filling out the forms, they paid $62 to have a city commissioner wed them. A volunteer served as the witness.

"They let us choose where we were to be married," described Sturm. "We chose a balcony. There were other people on the stairs and in the main foyer. It is a gorgeous building that has become even more gorgeous. It now represents so much love and hard work."

Nevertheless, the marriages have caused controversy both on the state and national level. The case has already been brought to court in the State of California twice; two state judges have refused to stop the marriages.

"In essence, these two judges had to show that someone was being harmed by the marriages. The conservatives claim that heterosexual married couples were the ones being harmed, and that as a result, the state of California was being harmed," explained Sturm.

On Wednesday, the Alliance Defense Fund filed another suit with the California Supreme Court in hopes of preventing San Francisco from issuing more same-sex marriages. The suit also asked the State of California to nullify the weddings already performed. This suit, however, does not question the constitutionality of same-sex marriages, but rather if San Francisco has the power to issue these marriages. According to California's defense-of-marriage Proposition 22, a marriage is defined as a civil union between one man and one woman.

San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom insists, however, that he is not breaking the law, but rather following the California Constitution's equal protection clause. The clause demands that all people be treated equally. Furthermore, Newsom feels that Proposition 22 is unconstitutional.

"Guys like me come and go, but there are certain principles that I hold dear," he said Sunday on CNN. "The principle of non-discrimination, of advancing human rights and civil rights, affirming marriage, affirming relationships and families, like we've done for 3,000-plus couples, that's significant."

In contrast, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has come out in opposition to the marriages taking place in Northern California. "In San Francisco, it is license for marriage of same sex. Maybe the next thing is another city that hands out licenses for assault weapons and someone else hands out licenses for selling drugs," he said. Shortly thereafter, Schwarzenegger urged Attorney General Bill Lockyer to "take immideate steps."

Lockyer declined. Instead, he told the *San Francisco Chronicle*, "The governor can direct the Highway Patrol. He can direct the next Terminator 4 movie if he chooses. But he can't direct the attorney general in the way he's attempted to do."

The marriages in San Francisco have also been causing a stir at the national level. On Tuesday, President George W. Bush endorsed a constitutional amendment that would prohibit same-sex marriages. The amendment, however, would leave civil unions up to state governments.

"The union of a man and a woman is the most enduring human institution, honored and encouraged in all cultures and by every religious faith," Bush said from the Roosevelt Room in the White House. "Marriage cannot be severed from its cultural, religious and natural roots without weakening the good influence of society."

According to Bush, the Defense of Marriage Act passed by Congress and signed by President Clinton in 1996, and similar legislation passed in 38 individual states "express an overwhelming consensus in our country for protecting the institution of marriage." These acts define marriage as the legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife.

Sturm questions the legitimacy of the proposed amendment. "It is the only constitutional amendment that would take away rights from the average citizen other than prohibition, which clearly didn't stand very long," she said.

Luciano believes the amendment is timely with regards to the upcoming election. "As for his motives, I think it's clear that it's a craven attempt to gain conservative support at a moment when the failure of his presidency has become glaringly apparent."

At present, the legal standing of the San Francisco marriages remains unclear. Due to Proposition 22, state officials cannot record the same-sex licenses.

"Many of us are very cynical about it. It is something that may or may be not be taken away from us," said Sturm, noting that there is a possibility of the marriages being voided.

Nevertheless, Luciano does not worry. "I'm assuming the case will go to court, and we'll see what happens. I am not worried about the possibility of nullification; our relationship is just as valid with or without a piece of paper from the State."

Hidden treasures: *Burke Library's Rare Book Room*

by Andrew Ehrig '06
FEATURES WRITER

The rare books room is rarely seen as an active source for information on campus. In fact, the skin-bound tomes, the compact shelving's strange gears, and the special permission required to enter the room all combine to create the impression that this is as close to a dungeon as we have at Hamilton College, despite the fact that it is on the third floor of Burke Library.

However, the Rare Books and Special Collections contain several unique source materials. If Hamilton College was a nine year old boy, this would be its baseball card collection. While the collection contains roughly 20,000 items covering hundreds of subjects, the Library has focused on a few specialties.

One of these is the Beinecke Lesser Antilles Collection. The collection includes more than eighteen hundred volumes and another thousand manuscripts on the island chain. The majority of these items date from the 16th to the 19th centuries.

One item of which Couper Librarian Randall Ericson is especially proud is Reports relating to Mr. Gordon's estates in the West Indies. These reports are a catalog commissioned by a British plantation owner hoping to sell the property in 1824. The report includes an in-depth description of the plantation and the African slaves forced to work there, complete with illustrations. The description even includes such details as each slave's age, name, marital status, occupation, and religion, with marginal comments by the author. "It's a wonderful description of the plantation and in great detail," Ericson said.

Burke Library also has one of the world's best collections of Ezra Pound ('05) materials. Recent additions include five boxes of materials Pound worked on while in St. Elisabeth's mental institution. Other items include the Chinese dictionary Pound kept when allied forces arrested him in World War II.

The Ezra Pound collection also includes two copies of Draft of the Cantos. One copy has the original red cover, and one has a moldy green cover. The moldy green copy was buried in a rubbish heap by Pound's wife to save it while he lived in Italy in 1942. It was retrieved by Pound's wife after the war and was donated to Hamilton College by his son Omar (class of '51).

Another example from this collection includes two printings of A Draft of Thirty Cantos. The original printing has the word S-H-I-T spelled out. At the request of the public the book was changed so the word would be abbreviated. Hamilton College now has both printings, and any student who wishes can see the original printing in all its obscene glory.

Hamilton's rare books collection also contains numerous volumes written by historical figures. Something of interest for anyone studying the American Civil War is a first edition of Spy of the Rebellion by Allan Pinkerton. Pinkerton was the founding chief of the Secret Service under President Lincoln. Despite the secret service agent's uneven success rate, he remains a fixture of the period and Spy of the Rebellion would be of interest to anyone wondering how President Lincoln survived as long as he did. Then there is Union General George McClellan's autobiography that includes a handwritten letter from McClellan himself folded into the cover.

The collection also includes Alexander Hamilton's personal lap desk (a must-have item for any students organizing a séance to raise the ghost of our school's namesake). "This is his desk, on which he wrote the Federalist Papers and Washington's Farewell Address," Ericson said. Other Alexander Hamilton items include legal briefs and letters, with Hamilton's doodlings preserved (the founding father liked to draw little hands pointing to items of interest).

There is also a provisional list of officers for the Continental Army compiled by Alexander Hamilton at the request of John Adams. The list includes Hamilton's comments such as "Unworthy, unknown, drunkard, a good captain, drunkard, not certain, but probably," and "A violent Jacobin."

"'Unworthy' and 'Drunkard' are perhaps the most common comments," said Ericson. Colonel Aaron Burr is not among the names listed.

Burke Library has 68 items of the incunabula. These are items printed between Gutenberg's first printing press and the end of the 15th century. By comparison, Syracuse University has 4. One of Hamilton's incunabula is currently on display in the Emerson Gallery as part of The Nuremberg Chronicle exhibit.

A smaller collection of interest is based around Theodore Dreiser's An American Tragedy. Dreiser's novel explores the true story of the murder of Grace Brown by Chester Gillette. Hamilton's rare books collection has the prosecuting attorney's notes from Gillettes' trial, court documents from the trial itself, and actual love letters written by the couple.

In addition to these items there are also collections on polar exploration and the history of central New York. The library also has one of the ten best collections on American communal societies (such as the Shakers) in the northeast. These include Shaker prayer and hymnbooks, pamphlets, and even intact bags of seeds community members would sell door to door.

Most of the sorted materials are in the third floor room in Burke while unsorted and overflow items can be found in two rooms in the Burke basement. Students who wish to access the rare books collection can go straight to the reference desk if they have an item in mind, or ask for permission to search for themselves, although at present there is no separate reading room reserved for the rare books.

"We want to publicize what we have and encourage students and faculty to use what's in the special collections, and make them more accessible," Ericson said. "It's not free access, but if you identify something say so and we'll retrieve it."

"It's important to me that people feel they can use the material here and not feel inhibited to use the material. Please feel free to use it we'll try to help you as quickly as we can," the Couper Librarian said. "My message to the administration is that we need space to make this a center where students can use primary source materials and use the treasures we own."

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Arts & Entertainment

Gibson's *Passion* opens nationwide amidst controversy

Alina Troya '04 discusses the controversy surrounding the most talked about film of the year

So by now you have heard the controversy and you've seen the 15-second commercial for a movie called, *The Passion of the Christ*, a film written, produced, directed and widely publicized by the famous action hero and Academy Award-winning director of *Braveheart*, Mel Gibson. In the last week or two, you couldn't turn on the news, either local or national, or look at a newspaper or magazine without reading something about the film. But what is all the fuss about? Isn't this just another "Jesus movie?" Isn't it just another Passion play about the central figure of the Christian religion, which have been staged since the times of early Christianity?

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See *The Passion of the Christ* now and decide if all the controversy is warranted.

Mel Gibson say, no, it's not just another Jesus film, it's *the* Jesus film. *The Passion* is a depiction of the final twelve hours of Jesus' life, largely based on a script made by the compilation of the four narrative stories of the Gospels in the New Testament of the Bible. The dialogue is completely in Aramaic and Latin, the languages spoken at the time and in the region where Jesus lived, with English subtitles. While Gibson says the film is based on the actual text of the Gospels, the plot of the film does not give the audience a context in which to place the crucifixion of the Jewish man, the man who was thought by many of his time and ours to be the Messiah, or the King of the Jews. This lack of context is one of the biggest flaws of the film, according to a number of critics, who were allowed a sneak preview only two days prior to the film's general release on Ash Wednesday. Gibson says that is not a problem because the purpose of the movie is to focus on the death of Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice. He did not set out to make a movie about the entire life of Jesus, which is one reason this film is so different from past Jesus movies.

The major controversy that this film sparked begins when we ask the question, "Who killed Jesus?" In past centuries, and even during the Holocaust, the Jewish people were blamed for killing the Messiah. The sort of conspiracy theory that surfaced, in terms of this film, was that *The Passion* would fuel anti-Semitism by depicting the Jewish people of Jesus' time in an extremely negative light, once again placing the most blame on them for Jesus' death. Gibson and his supporters have argued that this is simply not true. In the Gospels, the crowd that shouts to Pilate for Jesus to be crucified is mainly made up of Jewish people, but we have to remember that Jesus was also Jewish. The communities to which many of the evangelists were writing were also Jewish. In addition, it was not the Jewish leadership, or the Sanhedrin, that had the power to put rebels to death, it was the Roman authorities that had that power. Ultimately, the death of Jesus came down to Pontius Pilate, who, in many cases, is interpreted to be a weak man. Historically, although he was cruel, he had little interest in whether Jesus lived or died.

This information, however, is beside the point. In his interview with Diane Sawyer, Gibson answered straight out that he is not anti-Semitic, and that it would be against the tenets of his Christian faith to discriminate against any race or group in any way. In this interview, he also disclosed that the most controversial aspect of the film, a line spoken by the crowd in which they say "Let his blood be on us and on our children," found only in the Gospel of Matthew, would be removed from the subtitles. We would still be able to hear the line under the noise of the crowd, but it would be in Aramaic. This was done in an effort to appease his toughest critics in the anti-Semitism controversy. The ironic part about it all is that Gibson himself may have been the one to start the controversy in the first place. It's not clear, but Gibson claims that there is a specific reporter who set out to slander him. In the end, Gibson explained to Diane Sawyer, \we are all responsible for Jesus' death, because he died to save us from our sins. Gibson evens shows how he used his own hand in the film to hold down the nail that is driven into Christ.

Hamilton College Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Steve Humphries-Brooks, who interviewed about *The Passion* numerous times in the last couple of weeks. His expertise is on the New Testamen. He teaches classes called "Religion in Film" and "The Celluloid Savior," and he is writing a book about the depiction of Jesus in film. In addition to an interviews with NPR, Humphries-Brooks was also quoted in *The New York Times*, a paper not quite as old as *The Spectator*, and a radio interview aired on BBC World News on the morning the film was released to the general public. Despite not having seen the film, Humphries-Brooks projects his expectations of the film and believes it will fit into his general thesis about Jesus movies: that the depiction of Jesus in film represents American attitudes of the time. In an article in the Syracuse *Post-Standard*, Humphries-Brooks is quoted as saying, "This is not a cliffhanger. The guy is going to get killed. He is going to get confronted by Roman authorities and temple authorities. The real question is what else is being communicated." He says that since the movie is coming after September 11th, he expects Christ to be represented as a triumphant hero, maybe even an action hero Jesus, especially considering Gisbon's past record. *New York Times* writer A. O. Scott echoes these sentiments, noting that Gibson's use of violence and carnage is difficult to take and perhaps flawed in its excess. He recalls how Gibson was portrayed in a Simpsons episode where he changed the ending to include "righteous vengeance in the third act," but he jokes that Gibson wouldn't change the ending of this story.

Perhaps Prof. Humphries-Brooks will be right in that the actors chosen for this film are already somewhat known for their roles in action films. Jim Caviezel, who plays Jesus, is known for his roles in movies such as *Frequency* and *The Count of Monte Cristo*. Monica Belluci, who plays Mary Magdalen, played Persephone in *The Matrix* trilogy. The character of Satan is also interesting, as the role of the devil is personified in the form of a woman, played by Rosalinda Celentano, though the part has generally been portrayed by men. Gibson noted this to Diane Sawyer. He says that she has no eyebrows. She is both masculine and feminine. She is tempting yet dangerous, just as he believes the devil really is.

Overall, there have been mixed reviews from those who have been privileged to see an advanced screening of *The Passion*. Reviewshave ranged from phenomenal to emotional and psychological to downright gory and unnecessarily violent. Despite it's R-rating and the fact that the film is known to be excessively bloody, it is expected to top box office charts as evangelical and religious groups are renting out full theaters for their congregations all over the country. A wealthy businessman in Texas spent $42,000 on tickets for opening day. Professor Humphries-Brooks says that whatever happens in the movie, Gibson has done an amazing job with promoting the film, which cost him about $30 million of his own money, and will likely make about four times that back from ticket sales. In terms of reviews, Humphries-Brooks says that it seems as if believers (that is, those who are Christian or have faith in Jesus), are tending to appreciate the film for the real, although violent, depiction of Christ at his crucifixion. Non-believers are questioning why the film had to be so gross and repulsive. Either way, it is not for the squeamish, so leave the kids at home. When it comes down to it, see the film before you judge it. Gibson, an ultraconservative Roman Catholic, who attends mass in Latin and does not comply with the reforms of Vatican II, hopes that it will inspire Christians to realize the awesome sacrifice that Christ made for humanity. If he accomplishes that, it may very well be the best Jesus film ever made, but we shall see.

Womyn Who Rocked!

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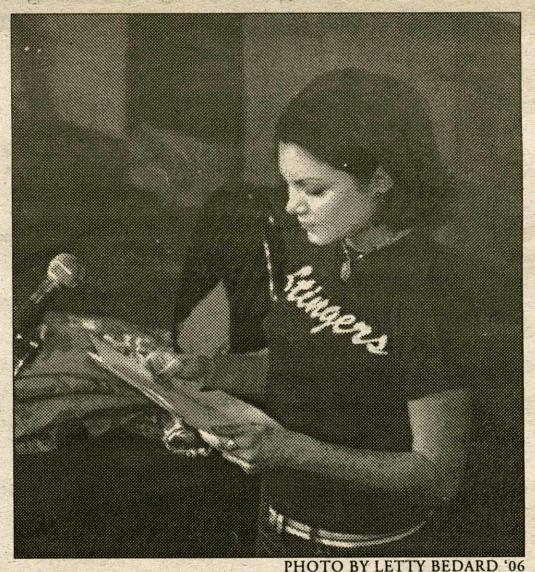

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Lauren Dentone '04 and Becky Benham '05 (above) and Alyson Grant '04 (below) take part in Wednesday's event.

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Badass Movie Reviews: *Starship Troopers*

Tim Mudie '05 is back and he's more badass than ever

Giant, killer, alien bugs. If I was the head of a major Hollywood studio and someone said those fours words to me I would immediately grant them millions of dollars to make a movie. This is just one of the reasons why I should never be allowed to run a major Hollywood studio. I mean, just imagine all of the giant, killer, alien bug movies that would be getting made. And while they would undoubtedly be amazing, Academy Award winners, none would live up to *Starship Troopers*. Never has a movie dared to ask those big questions like "What would it be like if an ultra-conservative ruled world was attacked by giant space bugs?" or "What would it be like if Doogie Howser was the head of an entire planet's intelligence service?" Yes everyone, Doogie Howser (real name unimportant) is a major character in this movie. And now he's not just super-smart... he's psychic! Just try and tell me you don't want to go and rent this movie already.

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Could there be anything more badass than big bad badass bugs? Yes: Bigger, badder, badassier bugs like the one pictured above. Will Casper van Dien survive its onslaught? Does anybody care?

I'm not sure I've ever had an easier movie, as far as plot description goes, to review. Essentially, giant, alien bugs (named Bugs in a fit of creativity) destroy Buenos Aires (which for some reason is populated entirely by Americans. Seriously, they're all blondes or even redheads except they have vaguely Hispanic last names) with an asteroid for apparently no reason. Earth, being ruled entirely by the military, is not about to take that sort of crap from a bunch of lousy bugs. So they attack! ...And get their asses handed to them. I feel their pain; I once had my arm broken by a carpenter ant. After the debilitating defeat, Earth decides to attack again, but this time they're going to go for an easier planet. I feel like I should mention the characters, but they're developed less than the bugs are. Besides, giant, killer, space bugs are infinitely more badass than Doogie Howser.

The bugs themselves are some of the most badass monsters around. Not only are they your basic, infantry sort of bugs that go around tearing people apart. Then there are the kinds that fly, slicing off human heads as they go. Then, there is my favorite kind of bug. This bug, looking like some sort of giant beetle, somehow manages to crap pure energy with such force that it can reach escape velocity and hit orbiting spaceships. They must eat at Commons (hey-o!).

Obivously, the bugs are all the makers of this movie cared about, and that's good enough for me. At least they're honest about it. I mean, they weren't trying to get any Academy Awards; they just wanted to make a movie about giant, killer space bugs. And that's good enough for me. This has been Badass Movie Reviews. Next Week: *The Lizzy Maguire Movie.*

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A&E's Oscar Predictions

Dan Horowitz, Alexandra Sear, Brian Sweeney, Alina Troya and Whit Rothe tell you who they think will win at the Academy Awards. Watch the presentation on ABC this Sunday at 8:30pm!

Who Will Win/Who Should Win

	Dan	*Alex*	*Brian*	*Alina*	*Whit*
Best Picture	*Return of the King/ Mystic River*	*Return of the King/ Lost in Translation*	*Return of the King/ Return of the King*	*Return of the King/ Lost in Translation*	*Return of the King/ Return of the King*
Best Director	*Peter Jackson/ Sofia Coppola*	*Peter Jackson/ Peter Jackson*	*Peter Jackson/ Peter Jackson*	*Peter Jackson/ Peter Jackson*	*Peter Jackson/ Peter Jackson*
Best Actor	*Sean Penn/ Sean Penn*	*Sean Penn/ Bill Murray*	*Bill Murray/ Johnny Depp*	*Sean Penn/ Ben Kingsley*	*Bill Murray/ Bill Murray*
Best Actress	*Charlize Theron/ Naomi Watts*	*Charlize Theron/ Charlize Theron*	*Charlize Theron/ Charlize Theron*	*Charlize Theron/ Charlize Theron*	*Charlize Theron/ Keisha Castle-Hughes*
Best Supporting Actress	*Renee Zellweger/ Shohreh Aghdashloo*	*Marcia Gay Harden/ Shohreh Aghdashloo*	*Shohreh Aghdashloo/ Hope Davis*	*Patricia Clarkson/ Marcia Gay Harden*	*Shohreh Aghdashloo/ Shohreh Aghdashloo*
Best Supporting Actor	*Tim Robbins/ Tim Robbins*	*Tim Robbins/ Benicio Del Toro*	*Tim Robbins/ Sean Astin*	*Tim Robbins/ Tim Robbins*	*Tim Robbins/ Benicio Del Toro*
Best Original Screenplay	*Lost in Translation/ Lost in Translation*	*Lost in Translation/ Lost in Translation*	*Lost in Translation/* Not *Lost in Translation*	*Lost in Translation/ Lost in Translation*	*Lost in Translation/ Lost in Translation*
Best Adapted Screenplay	*Mystic River/ American Splendor*	*Mystic River/ American Splendor*	*Seabiscuit/ American Splendor*	*Return of the King/ Return of the King*	*City of God/ American Splendor*

Science & Technology

Health and Fitness

The devastating effects of Influenza

by Jennifer Ruch '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

The Spanish flu of 1918 to 1919 is recorded as the worst flu pandemic the world has seen. The Center for Disease Control reported that it killed twenty to fifty million people worldwide. It wasn't until 1934 that scientists isolated the influenza type A strain and began to develop vaccines in the 1940s. In the 1970s, public fears due to the identification of Swine flu in New Jersey resulted in President Ford's decision to authorize a national immunization program. Fortunately, the virus failed to spread. Flu scares also erupted in the 1990s with the Avian flu, which prompted Chinese officials to order the slaughter of all chickens in the region. Each year, the North America experiences a flu epidemic as a result of the virus spreading throughout the population, killing 30,000 and hospitalizing 150,000 Americans.

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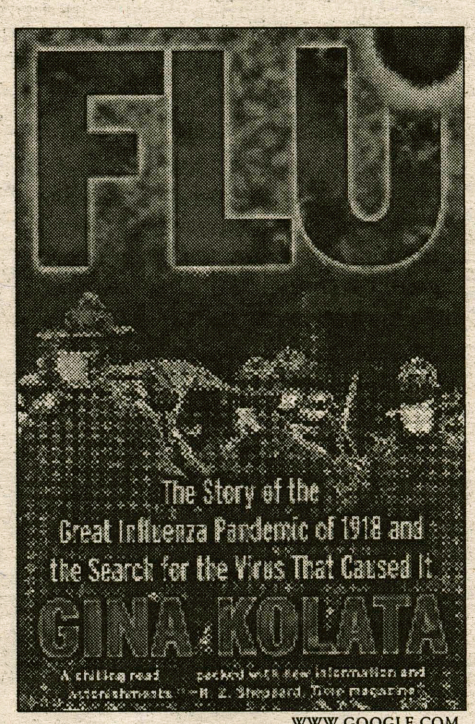
The flu is caused by a viral infection that attacks the respiratory system, including the nose, throat, brachial tubes, and lungs. Influenza is caused by three strains. Influenza type A is responsible for the flu pandemics that strike every ten to forty years. Influenza type B causes only localized outbreaks, and influenza type C is less common and only causes mild symptoms. Common signs of influenza include, but are not limited to, chills, sweats, muscular aches, fatigue, and nasal congestion.

The incubation period of the flu is usually one to four days, and a person typically feels better after seven to ten days, unless he/she develops a serious post-flu infection, such as bronchitis or pneumonia. Because the body produces antibodies to the virus, you will be immune to that particular strain but not to other strains. The best treatment for the flu is bed rest and plenty of fluids. In some cases, patients are given antiviral medications early in the course of the virus, within twenty four hours of symptom development.

Outbreaks of influenza in North America occur between October and May, however the peak season is late December to early March. The virus spreads through contact with a person who has the flu or by touching something after an infected person has sneezed or coughed on it. Older adults are usually prime targets of the virus, especially if they have diabetes, chronic cardiovascular or lung disease, or an impaired immune system. Influenza spreads rapidly in places where people congregate, such as childcare centers, offices, schools, buses, and nursing homes.

There are several lines of defense against the flu. The first preventive measure to take against the flu is receiving an annual flu shot. The vaccination is produced by killing the virus after it is grown in chicken eggs. Although there were shortages of the flu vaccine this year, an alternative to the traditional flu shot was offered, FluMist, a spray flu vaccine made from live but weakened influenza viruses. However, the public's response to this new vaccination was disappointing. People are hesitant about FluMist due to the misconception that it can give off the weakened live virus and infect other people. Also, FluMist costs a lot more than the free or inexpensive standard flu shots. Supporters of FluMist view it as a suitable alternative to protect patients whose immune systems were weakened by diseases such as cancer and AIDS and are especially susceptible to influenza.



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The Spanish Flu of 1918-1919 was the deadliest plague the world has ever experienced.

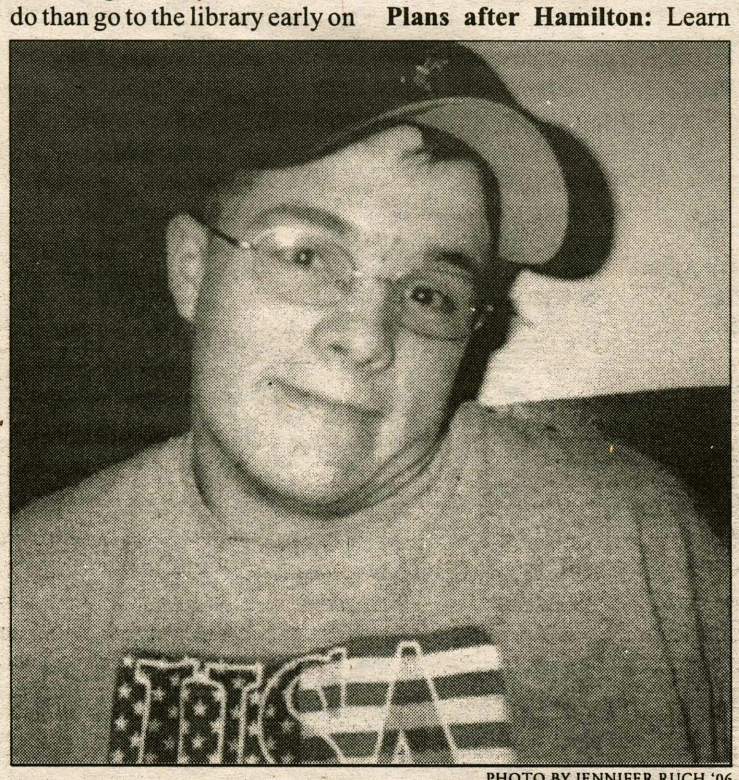
Taking good care of your body is another line of defense against contracting the flu. It is important to eat a healthy, balanced diet, get enough sleep, exercise regularly, and to wash your hands often. Scrub your hands with soap and warm water frequently during the day, especially when you are in public places. It is not necessary to use antibacterial soap, and alcohol-based sanitizers are good substitutes when you cannot wash. The CDC estimates that one-third of people do not wash their hands after using the restroom. This fact alone supports how influenza can spread so fast. In many cases, common sense and sanitation are great barriers to preventing infection. .

To learn more about the history of influenza, its devastating effects, and the discovery of the virus that caused it, I recommend reading Gina Kolata's book, *The Story of the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the Search for the Virus That Caused It.*

Geek of the Week: Dan Seeger

by Jennifer Ruch '06
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

This is the first week of the *Science and Technology Geek of the Week* column. Dan Seeger was carefully selected for his legitimate love for science, especially organic chemistry. There is nothing this boy would rather do than go to the library early on a Saturday morning to get a head start on the next week's biochem readings!



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Watch out science girls! You should know that Seeger has a huge... brain of course!

Name: Daniel Seeger
Nickname: Organic-maniac
Major: Sociology, ha...no, Chemistry
Year: 2006
Plans after Hamilton: Learn how to play the clarinet, well
Extracurricular activities: Lacrosse (sweet), HCEMS, DKE, tutor.
Favorite method of studying: Often.
Which periodic element do you most relate to and why? Titanium, because it's what I am made out of (plus it says so on my jacket).
Favorite type of chemical bond: High energy phosphate. Where would we be without it?
If you could be any organism what would you be and why? A fish because they can sleep standing up.
Which professor would you like to dress up as on Halloween and why? Dr. Emit Brown because I have always been inspired by time travel.
Best excuse for cutting class: Saving a bunch of money on my car insurance by switching to Geico.
Favorite Hamilton memory: When I won "the most awesome student at Hamilton" award.
Most embarrassing moment: "One day on the Tonight Show, Jay Leno showed a classified add that read: "Do you have mole problems? If so, call Avogadro at 602-1023.'" I laughed. Enough said.

Mars Rover drills into rock for evidence of water

LOS ANGELES, CA (AP) —

NASA's Opportunity rover extended its arm and played robot geologist, drilling into a Martian rock that has intrigued scientists back on Earth.

The six-wheeled rover used the rock-abrasion tool on its instrument-tipped arm to grind a fraction of an inch into the surface of a rock in a formation dubbed "El Capitan," project manager Richard Cook said Tuesday. The rock's weathered surface was ground away so that the rover could examine the material underneath and photograph it in microscopic detail. Results were expected to take several days to reach Earth. "It's Christmas Eve and all the scientists are anxious and excited with anticipation," deputy main scientist Ray Arvidson said.

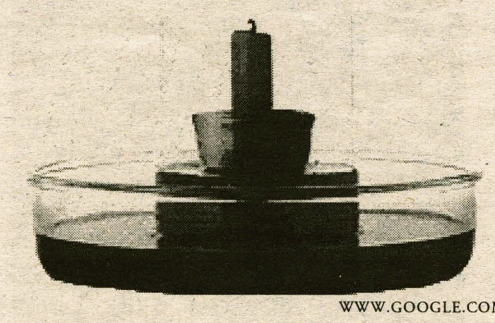
Opportunity also took a siesta, shutting down briefly to recharge its batteries. NASA scientists said the rover has been doing a lot of scientific work at night, expending the energy from its solar cells. Because Mars is beginning its winter season, the days are getting shorter and less sunlight is hitting the solar panels. "El Capitan" has been the rover's main concern for several days. The outcrop, about the height of a street curb, rings a portion of the crater in which the rover is rolling. Previous microscopic images show fine layering in the rock and mysterious BB-sized granules. Scientists involved in the $820 million Mars mission are mulling several theories of how the glossy, sandblasted rock formed, including volcanic eruptions, windblown dust or sediments settling out of a body of water. The new data could settle the issue. Scientists are also hoping the rover mission can uncover evidence of a watery, life-supporting past for the Red Planet.

Halfway around Mars, Opportunity's twin rover, Spirit, continued to roll toward a crater, traveling nearly 100 feet on Tuesday. NASA planned to send the rover a short distance farther, then pause for a few days for observations, Cook said. Spirit, which drilled a rock earlier this month, is about 300 feet from the crater nicknamed "Bonneville." Scientists expect the rover to reach its rim and peer into it for the first time in mid-March, Arvidson said.

Science Party Tricks: Intro Level

Jon Rees '06 gives a crash couse in partying science-style

Hello everyone and welcome to the first annual "Science Party Tricks" column! This section will exponentially increase your science smarts and provide you with clever ways in which to show off your brilliant mastery of the physical world. Have you ever wanted to entice the ladies with your succulent brain? Are you just bored around the dorm room and looking for a little procrastination? These days I find it hard to walk around campus without facing the impending doom of alcohol reform; statistics, figures, and graphs indicate that this campus has a drinking problem. If you're like me you're probably looking for new ways to socialize that don't involve unifying team sports like "Flip Cup" or the whimsical, majestic game of "Beirut." There's good news and bad news: the bad news is social change is probable, but the good news is that now, with this totally amazing, new column, you can counteract the booze ban with science party tricks. So, study up! Are you ready?



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When the oxygen is depleted from the glass, the candle goes out and water is sucked up the glass.

This week's lesson teaches simple physics. The only materials you will need are: (1) candle, (1) plate (preferably not paper), a lighter, (1) transparent glass/cup that is taller than the candle, some water, and some already chewed gum (not required). Using already chewed gum, affix the candle to the center of the plate. Next, cover the plate with enough water to uniformly submerge the face of the plate in no more than half a centimeter of water. Next, light the candle and then place the transparent glass/cup over the candle at your leisure. Doesn't fire suck? Indeed, you should observe the candle going out immediately, producing black smoke, followed by the water on the outside of the cup being sucked into the inside of the cup- this is accompanied by loud sucking and gurgling noises. This science shtick really will amaze!

Alright professor, now that you've performed your party trick, how are you going to explain its scientific principles? When the cup is placed over the candle, it burns the little remaining oxygen contained inside of the cup. As soon as the oxygen inside the cup is depleted, the fire goes out and the pressure within the cup is reduced, thus creating a vacuum. So, the internal pressure is reduced while the external pressure remains constant. Get the idea? The water outside the cup is still burdened with atmospheric pressure, and it is pushed by the external pressure underneath the glass as the internal chamber tries to regain its former pressure. Thus, it appears that all the water on the plate is sucked into the cup when really it is being pushed.

Any woman will tell you: Performance is everything. Before you go showing off your suave science tricks, you need to practice. Make sure you know what you are doing and what's going on so you can impress people while maintaining a nonchalant, casual cool. Be slick about this trick, it pretty much runs itself! So, to review: you had fun with a lighter, water, smoke and pressure and you weren't even fabricating your own bong. I'm impressed, aren't you?

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Women's basketball ends season with a victory

by Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team concluded their 2003-2004 season with a win on the road against Clarkson. This came only a day after losing a shoot out at St. Lawrence. Ending the season with a win is definitely a high note for the Continentals, who have had many ups and downs throughout the season.

Friday night the team played at St. Lawrence, one of the stronger teams in the league, but also a team that Hamilton upset at home earlier in the season. The team was playing for pride against St. Lawrence because a loss to William Smith earlier in the week had eliminated them form the playoff race. Hamilton stayed in the game despite shooting only 26% from the floor and went into the half down just four points, 36-32. Hamilton found their shots in the second half, shooting 48% from the floor, but this was not enough, as the Continental defense could not seem to find a way to stop the St. Lawrence offense. Hamilton did tie the score in the second half but never managed to take the lead. When four Hamilton starters fouled out late in the game, the team never seemed to come back. The final score was 90-80 in favor of St. Lawrence.

Jess Gorman '06 scored a career high 23 points including four three pointers. Tricia Czeski '05 came off the bench to score 19 for the Continentals, going 11-12 from the free throw line. Missy Nelson '05 finished with 15 points and three steals in the loss, while fellow starter, Kim Beevers '06, was held to just two points but led all Continentals with nine rebounds. The loss dropped the Continentals to 12-11 on the season.

The following afternoon, the team made the short trip to Clarkson to wrap up their season. Coming off a game dominated by offense against St. Lawrence, defense turned out to be the theme against Clarkson. Although Clarkson out shot the Continentals 28% to 24% from the floor in the first half, the Hamilton women managed to have a 20-17 lead after 20 minutes of play. Both teams shot better in the second half, and Clarkson managed to pull within one point of Hamilton but could never take the lead. A Continental run late in the game left Clarkson with no chance to come back as Hamilton went on to win 52-41. The win improved their league record to 6-8 and 13-11 overall. The winning season was the second one in a row for the Continentals, a first since the 1992-1993 season.

"We had a rocky season. We won some big games and lost some games we should have won. In the end, it was nice to come together as a team and end the season on a positive note with a win," commented Erin Daugherty '06 after the team won their final game of the season.

Holly Erick '04 dominated in the final game of her career, scoring 17 points while grabbing 11 rebounds. She also had three steals, a block and an assist in the win. Kim Beevers was the only other Continental in double figures finishing with 10 points, seven rebounds and five steals.

There were many women on the team who played excellent all year for the team, and while it looked like the team was bound for post-season play, a string of late loses saw the season come apart. Inconsistent play was the main issue all year for the Continentals. They started the season off winning seven out of their first ten games. The team then went on a three game losing streak at home before turning it right around and winning four in a row. The team followed the streak of wins by losing five out of their next six games before winning in the season finale. The up and down play could possibly be attributed to the style of coaching throughout the season. Coach Diehl started the same five women for the majority of the season but was constantly was making substitutions. It often seemed like she would try to play every one of the 15 girls on the team rather than sticking with the players who were playing well at the time. With everyone getting game experience however, the Continentals will come back more experienced next year, graduating only four of the 16 girls on the team.

"I think that we're all great friends with an equally great sense of humor and those factors have enabled us to use basketball as a way to grow both individually and together," said Kim Beevers when asked about how the team managed to stay together during the roller coaster ride of a season.

All four seniors will be deeply missed next year, each being an important member of the team. Holly Erick led this year's team in points and rebounds, averaging almost 11 points a game while pulling down five rebounds per contest. Larissa Hopkins '04 started at the point 16 of the 22 games she played this season. While she was not a big scorer like Erick, Hopkins controlled the ball very well and was a leader on the bench. Jen Munoz '04 will also be missed greatly next season. She only played six games before a hand injury cut her final season short. In the six games she played,1 Munoz was averaging eight points and just over five rebounds for the Continentals. Liz Casey's '04 leadership ability and hard work ethic will also be greatly missed by the Continentals next season.

While all four seniors were team leaders this season, the team got outstanding play from many of the underclassmen. Jess Gorman started all season for the Continentals, averaging 10.5 points a game. She was a threat from the three-point line anytime she was on the floor. Kim Beevers solidified a starting role half way through the season by proving herself to be a dominant scorer and rebounder for the women. Missy Nelson will return to play the three position next season for the Continentals. She was the only member of the team to start all 24 games this season and put up good numbers throughout the season. She averaged eight points and five rebounds per game while leading the team with 50 steals and 59 assists. Jill Regan '07 saw the most time out of all the freshmen this year, averaging five points and five rebounds and leading the team with 22 blocks.

Anna Jablonski '05 spoke of the benefit of having a young team, "Filling the void that those four seniors will leave is a difficult task, but the positive of having the majority of the team be underclassmen this year is that when we all return, we return with the experience gained from this season, which can only be an advantage for us down the road."

The team was very young this year consisting of four freshmen, five sophomores and only three juniors. Eight out of the 12 girls have started at least one game in their career. If all the girls return next season, the women's basketball team could have a lot to look forward to.

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Destination for men's hockey: Brunswick, Maine

Continentals to face Bowdoin in first round of NESCAC playoffs

by Andrew DeCastro '05
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's hockey team went to Maine to face two of the toughest teams in the NESCAC. On Friday the Conts faced one of their toughest tests all year when they played the Polar Bears of Bowdoin. Bowdoin, ranked in the top fifteen in the country, looked to avenge last year's playoff loss to Hamilton. Hamilton came into the game with limited success against ranked teams. With all the advantages in the Polar Bears favor, Hamilton came into Bowdoin's barn and earned a hard fought victory, 2-0.

Captain Jeff Corey '04 had some thoughts about the big victory in Brunswick.

"The guys were firing on all cylinders against Bowdoin. We knew it was a big game and went out there and played it that way. We took advantage of a key opportunity off a breakaway from Eric Kallio '06 and they never put away the chances they had."

Despite Kallio's score, Hamilton's other goal came on an empty net opportunity off the stick of Gus Katsuras '06. Hamilton's defensive unit should be praised as well, clearing the puck when needed and playing sound defensive zone coverage. Robbie MacNeil '05, Hamilton's hairless hero, was the most valuable player of the game. MacNeil continued his stellar play in net, stopping 38 shots and earning himself a well-deserved shutout.

Corey also commented on Hamilton's sound defense.

"We did an excellent job in positioning ourselves in the defensive zone, and each person handled their respective assignment. But more importantly, Robbie MacNeil stood on his head for us. We got out shot, and Robbie was here to bail us out on every chance they had."

MacNeil talked about his stellar performance.

"I felt very comfortable with my movements, and I was seeing the puck really well. Some bounces definitely went my way throughout the game, but anytime a goalie gets a shutout he gets a little extra help. The consistency of our team defense helped was crucial in keeping a lot of the shots to the perimeter."

On Saturday, however, Hamilton was unable to leave the Maine trip with two victories. The Conts failed to upend the Mules of Colby College. Perhaps Hamilton was physically and emotionally drained from the big victory the night before, or possibly the Conts were unable to play their style and make the Mules react to them. Nevertheless, because of the loss, Hamilton was unable to secure a home playoff game in the first round of the NESCAC playoffs.

Corey had his own thoughts about the loss.

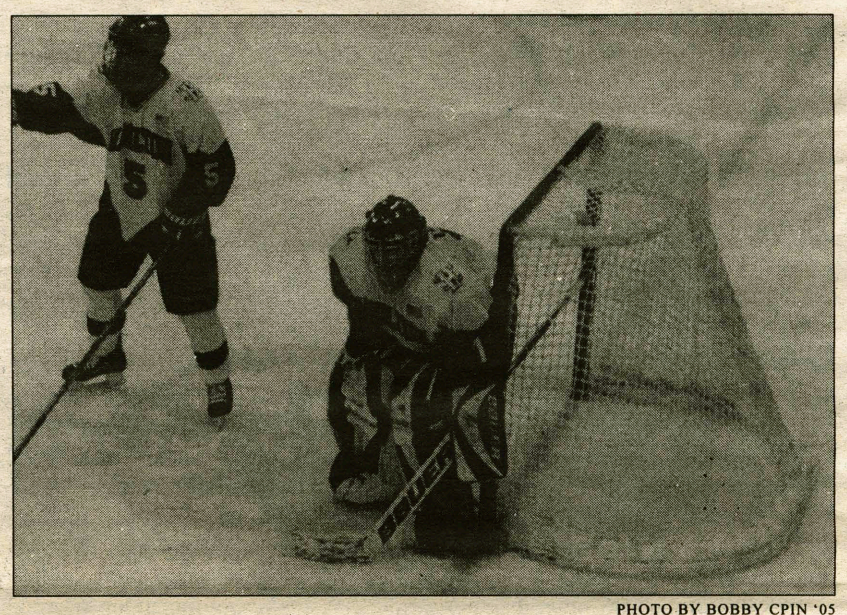
"The game against Colby was an even game right up until the third period. In the third it just looked like we lost our spark. This is something we'll be looking to prevent in the playoff games in the near future."

Corey's comments are justified. Hamilton was tied with the Mules until the third period started. Colby, however, took advantage of Hamilton's defensive breakdowns and scored two goals within the first ten minutes of the third period. In addition, Hamilton managed to muster only two shots in the period.

Subsequently, Hamilton will travel back to Brunswick to face Bowdoin again in the NESCAC quarterfinals. Bowdoin will inevitably step up their game after losing the last two contests to Hamilton. Hamilton will have to continue to play sound defense and hope to get ahead early. By scoring the first goals and maintaining the lead, the Conts can take the x factor away from Bowdoin: the crowd. Playing at home is always an advantage, especially in playoff competition.

MacNeil, the projected starter for this weekend, had some final thoughts for Saturday night's contest.

"The team is going to have to be prepared to put in their best performance of the year. We ended Bowdoin's season last year in the playoffs and beat them in the regular season the last three years. With a solid team effort and total commitment to team defense we should be very happy with the outcome. Personally, I have to do whatever it takes to allow our guys to get the win."



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Hamilton needs strong defense and goaltending to be successful in the upcoming NESCAC playoffs starting Saturday.

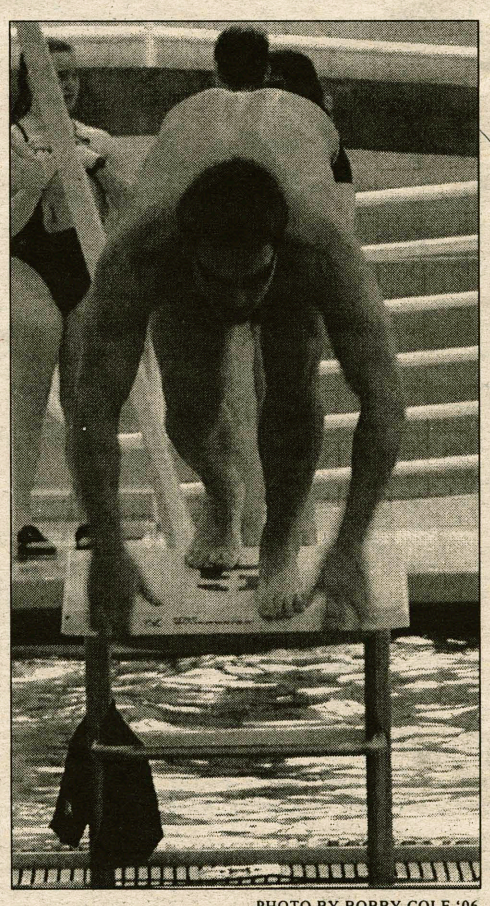
Women's swimming fares well at NESCACs

Achin '05 leads team to 5th place finish in NESCAC meet

by Andrew Dassori '07
SPORTS WRITER

Hamilton's women's Swimming and Diving team came in just behind Tufts with 889 total points to finish in 5th place at this year's NESCAC tournament. The three-day tournament was held at Wesleyan University this past weekend and featured teams from eleven NESCAC schools. The four teams ahead of Hamilton were Williams, who finished first for the fourth consecutive year, Middlebury, Amherst, and Tufts. Tufts just barely edged out Hamilton in the final day of the event (Hamilton had been in 4th the first two days). Still, true to the philosophy coach Davis emphasized all year, Hamilton performed as a team. "We had a theme this weekend of having better performances because we were a team an not a group of collected individuals," said Davis. He added, "Often throughout the course of the weekend, our ladies exemplified that and achieved remarkable heights and improved tremendously from last year's meet - most notable in the relays."

Relays aside, the event's superstar was definitely Brittany Achin '05, who not only qualified for the National Championships, but also broke a school record with her 2:23.39 in the 200-yard breaststroke, won the 100-yard breakstroke, and was second in the event in points for her team. Achin, one of the team's strongest performers this past season, had a truly amazing showing at NESCACs. In response to a question about just how big Brittany's performance was, Coach Davis stated, "HUGE. She isn't shaved at this point and she wasn't fully rested for the NESCAC championships. To be in her position right now is great - we'll look for her to have a full taper in the next few weeks and then with a shave, do incredible things!" That pretty much says it all, as Achin can now only look toward the National Championships.



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Men's swimming will compete this weekend in the NESCAC Championships at Bowdoin.

In addition to Achin's dominant performance, various other Hamilton swimmers performed extremely well. Leading the rest of the pack was Nichole Knapp '05, who finished in second place in the 200-yard butterfly. Suzie Wilson '6 and Sarah McDermott '04 captured 7th and 8th place respectively in the 200-yard backstroke, both qualifying for NCAA "B" cuts. Another standout performer was freshman phenom Samantha Pitter, who "was put into a situation in our 400 Medley Relay that could have really back-fired on [the team]," said Davis. "Until that point, Sam had not really been tested in the 100 Free and to have her anchor that was really open-ended. When she went into her finishing leg of that relay, there was really only two roads to take - she stepped up and made that relay the best at NESCAC, and the third best in the entire country!" Hamilton's other relay team also finished well, with an 8th place in the NESCAC in the final event of the meet.

Coach Davis was more than satisfied with the team's performance. "We prepared well, had fun, represented Hamilton with pride, and competed with tenacity: those were the expectations and our women exceeded them." This was a great cap for the season for most of the swimmers, and leaves the Hamilton community with great expectations for those selected to compete in the National Championships which will take place from March 11 to 13 at St. Peter's Rec Plex in St. Louis.

Beat the Experts

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#22 Memphis @ #21 Louisville 2/28	Louisville	Memphis	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville
#16 UNC @ #19 N.C. State 2/29	N.C. State	UNC	UNC	UNC	UNC
#3 Pitt @ #13 Providence 3/2	Providence	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt
#15 Wisconsin @ Michigan State 3/2	MSU	MSU	Wisconsin	MSU	MSU
NBA					
New Orleans @ Memphis 2/28	Hornets	Hornets	Grizzlies	Hornets	Hornets
L.A. Lakers @ New Jersey 2/29	Nets	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers	Lakers
Dallas @ Minnesota 3/3	Mavs	T'wolves	T'wolves	T'wolves	Mavs
NHL					
Philadelphia @ Boston 2/28	Bruins	Bruins	Bruins	Bruins	Flyers
New Jersey @ Toronto 2/28	Devils	Leafs	Devils	Devils	Devils

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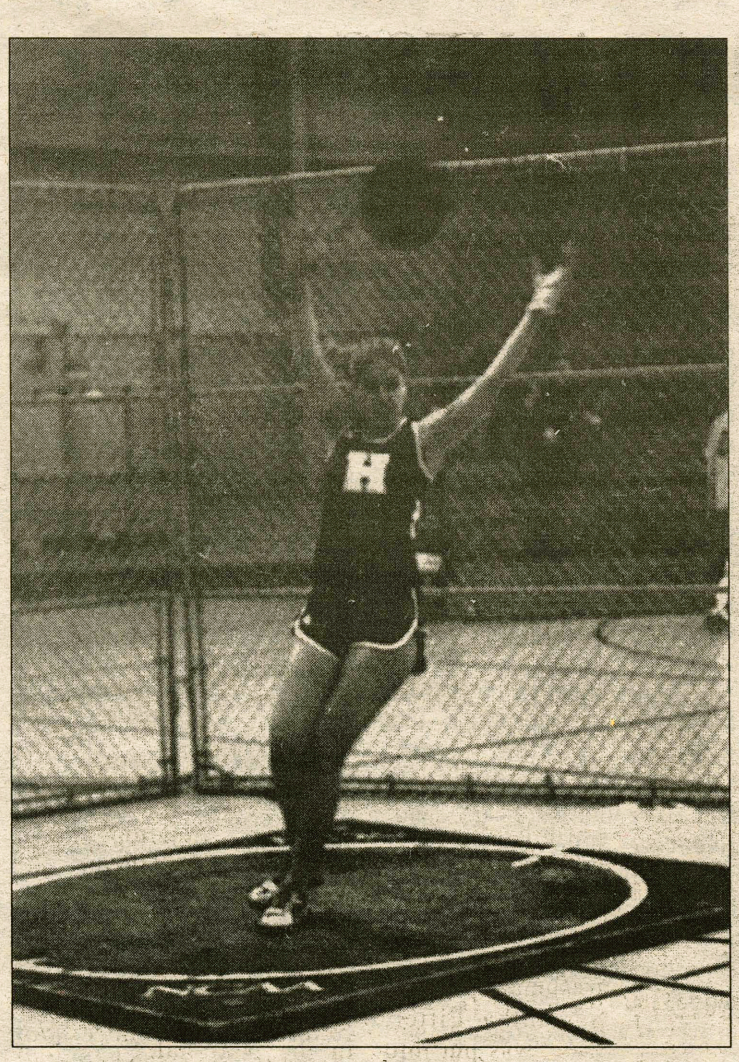
Track and field places well at recent meets

Harrison '05 and Orbaker '07 lead respective teams



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Track and field teams head to Canton, New York to compete in the NYSTC championships this weekend held at St. Lawrence University.

by Matthew Bradley '07
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College Indoor Track Team has been very successful in its most recent meets. The men's and women's squads participated in the Cornell University Track and Field Invitational on February 21 and the NYSCTC Pentathalon held in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House at Hamilton College. There were several outstanding performances at both meets from many different athletes. The meet at Cornell was the last chance for individuals to qualify for the NYSCTC Championships that are to be held on February 27.

Olamide Harrison '05 has been extremely successful lately. Harrison took first place in both the 200 and 400 meter dashes at Cornell. Harrison breezed through the 200 and 400 meter dashes with times of 22.73 and 50.62 seconds respectively. To top off his cluster of recent victories, Harrison broke the school records in both events, an extremely difficult feat to accomplish.

In addition to Harrison's outstanding performances, several other men placed well. Elijah "Juice" Huling '04 earned fourth in the 60-meter dash and took sixth in the 200-meter event. Huling finished only .44 seconds behind his teammate Harrison. Other notable performances include Jay Russell's eighth place finish in the 60-meters, Rich Schwam's seventh place performance in the 400, and the eighth place finish by Jesse Gaylord '06 in the 500-meter event. Steve Butterhof '05 took fifth in the shot put with a distance of 14.56 meters and Kyle Graham took seventh in the pole vault, managing to pull himself a total height of 4.05 meters. The 4x400-meter relay team also performed well, earning seventh with a time of 3:40.43.

The women also did well in their most recent meets. Jenny Orbaker '07 had several solid performances in the pentathalon. Orbaker placed fifth in the high jump with a height of 1.51 meters. She also earned eighth place in the shot put, hurling it a total of 8.34 meters. Additionally, the women's 4x400-meter relay squad placed sixth, clocking in at 4:27.55. The women's squad has numerous athletes who will be participating in the NYSCTC Championships on February 27.

While the Cornell University Track and Field Invitational was not a meet in which points were counted, it was important because it was the athletes' last chance to qualify for the state meet on the 27th. With several athletes who have already broken Hamilton College records so far this season, the NYSCTC championships should yield more outstanding finishes.

The men's captain Olamide Harrison is expected to continue to lead his squad to more successful finishes. Supported by consistent athletes like Steve Butterhof, Craig "The Superstar" Cammarata, Kyle Graham, and Scotty "L.L Cool" Chatham '07, they are destined for success. The women's squad is also expected to continue its pattern of notable finishes. Led by Orbaker and strong athletes such as Kara Feigeles '07, Lauren Steates '07, and Anne Schlesinger '06, there is no doubt the women's squad will continue to be successful in competition.

Both teams will travel to Canton, NY to compete in the NYSCTC Championships at St. Lawrence University on February 27. "We've been working out all year for this," comments Chatham. "There's no doubt our team will do extremely well at States."

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Men's hoops to host UCAA Tourney

by Michael Proia '05
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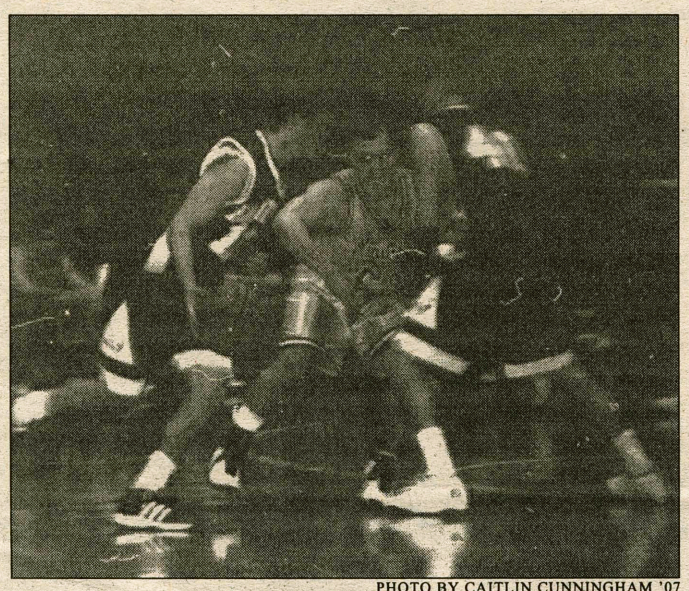
The men's basketball team has finished first in the UCAA for the second straight year. This year's win came in a season where all four playoff teams finished with identical 9-5 conference records. The tiebreaker was decided by comparing each playoff teams' record against the fifth place team, Union. Hamilton finished 2-0 against Union, while Clarkson, RPI and St. Lawrence all were 1-1. Hamilton will host the UCAA Tournament this weekend.

Hamilton ran into a hot shooting St. Lawrence team on Friday night and fell 99-91.

St. Lawrence shot 66 percent from the field for the game, and its 55 first half points and 99 total points were the highest totals Hamilton has allowed all season. St. Lawrence was eleven of fourteen in three-point attempts, while Hamilton only hit six of twenty, more than making up the difference in the final score. Joe Smith '04 led all scorers with 27 points, and Greg Leone '04 added 26. Tsakane Ngobeni '07 scored eighteen and pulled down eleven rebounds for the Continentals, and Tim Welchons '06 scored sixteen.

Hamilton followed up the 91-point performance with an equally impressive offensive game against a defensive-minded



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Hamilton will look to cut down the nets this weekend in the UCAA Tournament.

Clarkson team, but Hamilton picked up the defensive pressure and held Clarkson in check from the start. Clarkson jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but Hamilton responded and took a 4-3 lead just minutes into the game and would not trail the rest of the way.

The Continentals starters, Smith, Leone, Ngobeni, Welchons, and C.J. Cantil '04 all played at least 34 minutes in the game, and no bench player played more than five minutes in the game.

"The only way one of those guys was coming out in the second half was if they fouled out," said coach Murphy. "Our season was on the line, and we weren't going to make subs just for the sake of making subs. We knew they could play the minutes, so we wanted those guys on the floor."

Hamilton shot 55 percent in the first half in building a 50-36 after twenty minutes. The Continentals came out even hotter in the second half shooting 61 percent, and putting the game out of reach, winning by a final of 97-73. Only Division I Davidson College had scored more points against Clarkson this year, in a 98-60 win at home in December.

Smith led Hamilton with another strong performance, scoring 28 and pulling in twelve rebounds. Greg Leone hit four of eight threes on his way to scoring 26, and Tim Welchons added twenty-two. TK had nine points and eleven rebounds, while Cantil added 5 points, six rebounds and a team-leading six assists.

Hamilton spent the entire game playing man-to-man defense, though the coach has not ruled out the possibility of using some zone this weekend in what will be the teams' third match-up of the season.

"It depends how the game is going," said Murphy. "I'm sure they'll make some adjustments after the last game, and we have to be ready to change with whatever they show us on Friday. They're a good team, and we will be ready to do whatever it takes to stop them on defense."

The win at Clarkson on Saturday was coach Murphy's 600th victory as a head coach at Hamilton. He became just the 4th coach in Division III men's basketball to win 600 games in his career.

In other news, Greg Leone moved to 990 career points, meaning 10 points this weekend would put him at 1,000 career points at Hamilton. He is also nine three-pointers shy of Kevin Yanni '03's 153 career three's, fourth on Hamilton's all-time list. Leone was named UCAA Men's Guard of the Week. Joe Smith won UCAA Men's Forward of the Week for the fourth consecutive week.

On Thursday, UCAA Awards were announced and Hamilton picked up plenty of hardware. Coach Murphy and his staff won UCAA Coaching Staff of the Year honors for the second straight year. Co-Captain Joe Smith won 2003-2004 Player of the Year, the second Hamilton player to win the award in as many years (Joe Finely '03 won it last season). Smith also went from being a Second Team All-UCAA selection last year to a First Team selection this season. Leone and Ngobeni both made All-UCAA Second Team. Ngobeni was named Co-Rookie of the year, sharing the award with Clarkson's Nick Jones.

The UCAA Tournament will begin with St. Lawrence playing RPI Friday night at 6 in Scott Field House. The winner will face the winner of the following game between Hamilton and Clarkson on Saturday at 4. The Continentals expect the visiting teams to have plenty of fans in attendance, but hope the Dawg Pound and the rest of the student body show up in full force like last year.

"Last year, we had great fan support during the tournament," said coach Murphy. "We have the best fans in the conference and we play well in front of them, so hopefully we'll get the full support of the school and get the Field House as loud as possible."

Women's hockey to host NESCAC quarterfinal

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As a result of their two wins over the Camels of Connecticut College, the women's hockey team earned the right to host a quarterfinal game of the NESCAC Playoffs. The two victories not only secured 4th place in the NESCAC standings with a 7-9-0 conference record, but they also extended the team's winning streak to a record five games.

The team has stepped up their play in all areas of their game during their recent win streak. The team's better play was never more apparent than it was during this past weekend. The Lady Conts were running on all cylinders, as they defeated the Camels 6-2 on Friday night, and followed that up with a 1-0 victory on Saturday afternoon.

On Friday night, the Lady Conts jumped out to a 1-0 lead on a goal by Jessica Wagoner '06 with eight minutes played in the first period. Lindsay Bartz '07 picked up an assist on Wagoner's goal. After the Camels tied the score at one, Zoe Baldwin '06 gave Hamilton the lead as they headed into the first intermission up 2-1. Erica Colligan '06 picked up the assist on the second goal.

After Conn College tied the game at 2-2 in the second period,

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Hamilton will host Amherst in the NESCAC playoffs this Saturday.

the Lady Conts dominated the third period as they scored four unanswered goals to skate away with their first victory of the weekend. Jane Bradley '06 picked up a natural hat trick in the third to lead the offensive outburst. Baldwin picked up her second goal of the game in the third period as well. Marissa Halligan '05, Emma Griffith '07, Kristina Carroll '07, and Colligan all picked up assists in the third period.

Caitlin Connelly '07 led Hamilton's defensive effort as she stopped 10 of the 12 shots that were fired at her.

Saturday afternoon's game not only gave the Lady Conts a chance to secure a home playoff game, but it also gave the team and the school a chance to honor this year's senior class. The seniors include Eden Self, Sarah Baldwin, and Alex Koerte. These three women have given their time, dedication, and heart to bring the team to where they are today.

Coach Bryant had the following to say about the seniors, "The seniors have provided excellent leadership for this young team. They have seen the program improve tremendously from when they were freshmen. Their consistent effort and their ability to raise the bar has helped this team stay focused."

The underclassmen did not disappoint as they sent the seniors out in style. The Lady Conts put forth another strong defensive effort, as they made their second period goal stand up. Tierney Boisvert '07 scored the game's only goal on a nice individual effort. Caitlin Connelly had another strong game, as she picked up the shutout, stopping all 10 shots that she faced.

In all, Connelly stoped 20 of the 22 shots that she faced on the weekend. For her effort, Connelly was recently named USCHO.com's National Defensive Player of the Week.

Bryant had the following to say about her goaltender, whom has been a wall in the Hamilton net this year, "Caitlin works hard every day to improve all aspects of her game. Her work ethic and focus have helped her make improvements in her game that are showing."

With their two victories last weekend, the Lady Conts earned the 4th seed in the upcoming NESCAC playoffs. Hamilton will host #5 seed, Amherst College, this Saturday in a quarterfinal matchup. The two teams split their season series this past November.

Coach Bryant believes that the following are the keys to the game, "We need to set the pace right at the start. We need to be confident in ourselves as a team. We need to play two way hockey and stay focused in all zones. It will be important to put lots of shots on net and crash the net for rebounds. 5 of our 6 goals in the first Conn game were off rebounds."

With a spot in the NESCAC Final Four on the line, one can expect play to be very motivated and intense. With the playoff-type of atmosphere that the Lady Conts played in last weekend, one can be sure that the play will be even better this Saturday. The team was very pleased with the enthusiasim that the school showed at last weekend's games, and look forward to some more Rage in the Sage this Saturday as they go for a spot in the NESCAC Final Four.